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その後、松本零士氏のアシスタントを経て、昭和53年、少年サンデーで「ファントム無頼」（原作・史村翔）を連載し、大ヒットとなる。
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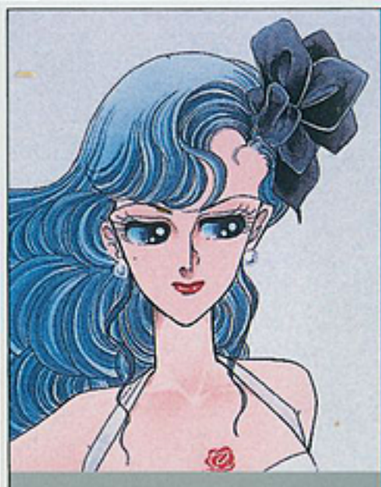

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File 26: Heaven's Gate (1)

IN A SHORT WHILE THREE WILL EXPLODE AT THE SAME TIME.
THERE ARE BOMBS AT FIVE LOCATIONS AROUND THE CITY.
INDEED
AND THE OTHER TWO? THAT, I SUPPOSE?
OF COURSE... THE DEFUSING WILL FAIL.
Fassa
THE OTHER TWO ARE CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A WAY AS THAT THEY WILL LOOK LIKE THEY CAN BE DEFUSED.
AND THEN OUR "HEAVEN'S GATE" WILL OPEN.
H&K USP

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¡GUAH!!
¡GUOH!!
¡GUAH!!
HEL-
¡AI!
WHAT HAPPENED ON THE SECOND FLOOR!?
¡BRAVO!!
¡IRENE!! WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING THERE!?

IRENE!!

THEY BLEW THEM-SELVES UP!!

GO UP THE JESS!! WESTERN STAIRCASE.

JAA

IRENE!! HEY!!

DO YOU COPY ?!

MA-

RIE !!

KYAHH!! COMMANDER!!

I WAS REACHING TO CHANGE OUT MY FIRST MAGAZINE...

WE PENETRATED LEVELS ONE AND TWO AT THE SAME TIME, ACCORDING TO PLAN.

OF COURSE THERE WAS A FIRE-FIGHT.

WHEN I SAW A TERRORIST IN THE BACK HOLDING SOMETHING IN HIS ARMS AND CROUCHED ON THE FLOOR.

HOSPITAL

GET OUT!!

SCRAM !!

I HAD A FEELING HE WAS GOING TO BLOW HIMSELF UP...

WE MADE IT IN THE NICK OF TIME...

IF WE HAD HESITATED EVEN A MOMENT, THE WHOLE SQUAD WOULD HAVE BEEN WIPED OUT.

THE TERRORISTS WERE WIPED OUT BY THE EXPLOSION.

DELA'S SQUAD HUSTLED THE HOSTAGES OUT OF THE SECOND FLOOR BATHROOM AND ALL ESCAPED.

M BASICALLY COMPLETED THE MISSION WITHOUT CASUALTIES,

OPERAT!

BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO MARIE

IS NO LAUGHING MATTER...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...

ALREADY FOUR HOURS.

WAS THE OPERATION A SUCCESS!?

IS IT OVER?

THEY SWITCHED OFF THE LIGHT!!

OPERATIO

SMOKI ROO

ｶﾁｬﾘ--

DID YOU SAVE THE COMMANDER!!

DOC-TOR!! THE SURGERY ...

BUT...WE MUST STAY VIGILANT...

I DID WHAT I COULD...

THEN... YOU'LL DO MORE SUR-GERY?

THERE COULD BE NEW HEMOR-RHAGING.

BUT... THERE IS STILL SOME SWELLING OF THE BRAIN.

WE STOPPED THE HEMORRHAGING EVERYWHERE IT WAS VISIBLE IN THE CT SCAN.

I CAN'T MAKE ANY GUARAN-TEES.

IF HER BODY CAN WITHSTAND IT, WE WILL...

WE MUST PRAY THE GATES OF HEAVEN DO NOT OPEN.

カン カン カン

COM-MANDER!!

COM-MANDER!!

THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS WILL BE DECISIVE...

I'M GONNA STAY TOO.

THE REST OF YOU...

I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND WRITE THE REPORT.

TSK... WE CAN'T GET ANY LUCK.

I- I HAVE THE SAME BLOOD AS THE COMMANDER TOO.

I HAVE THE SAME BLOOD TYPE AS THE COMMANDER, SO IN THE WORST CASE IT MIGHT HELP.

WE HAVE A WEEK OFF FOLLOWING A MISSION.

I HAVE TO TAKE HELGA'S REPORT TO WASHINGTON, BUT I'LL BE BACK.

DON'T WORRY...WE HAVE ROOMS AT THE HOTEL ACROSS THE WAY. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS YOU CAN DASH OVER IMMEDIATELY.

COL- LEEN

M STAFF STAYS PRE- PARED.

THEY THOUGHT OF EVERY- THING.

PLEASE USE THE TELEPHONE OVER THERE.

YOU HAVE A TELE-PHONE CALL.

AH... YES.

MS MITTELMEIER? IS MS. HELGA MITTELMEIER HERE?

HELLO... AH... COLO-NEL.

I APOLOGIZE. WE'RE IN A HOSPITAL, SO MY CELL PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF...

YES. SHE JUST CAME OUT OF SURGERY.

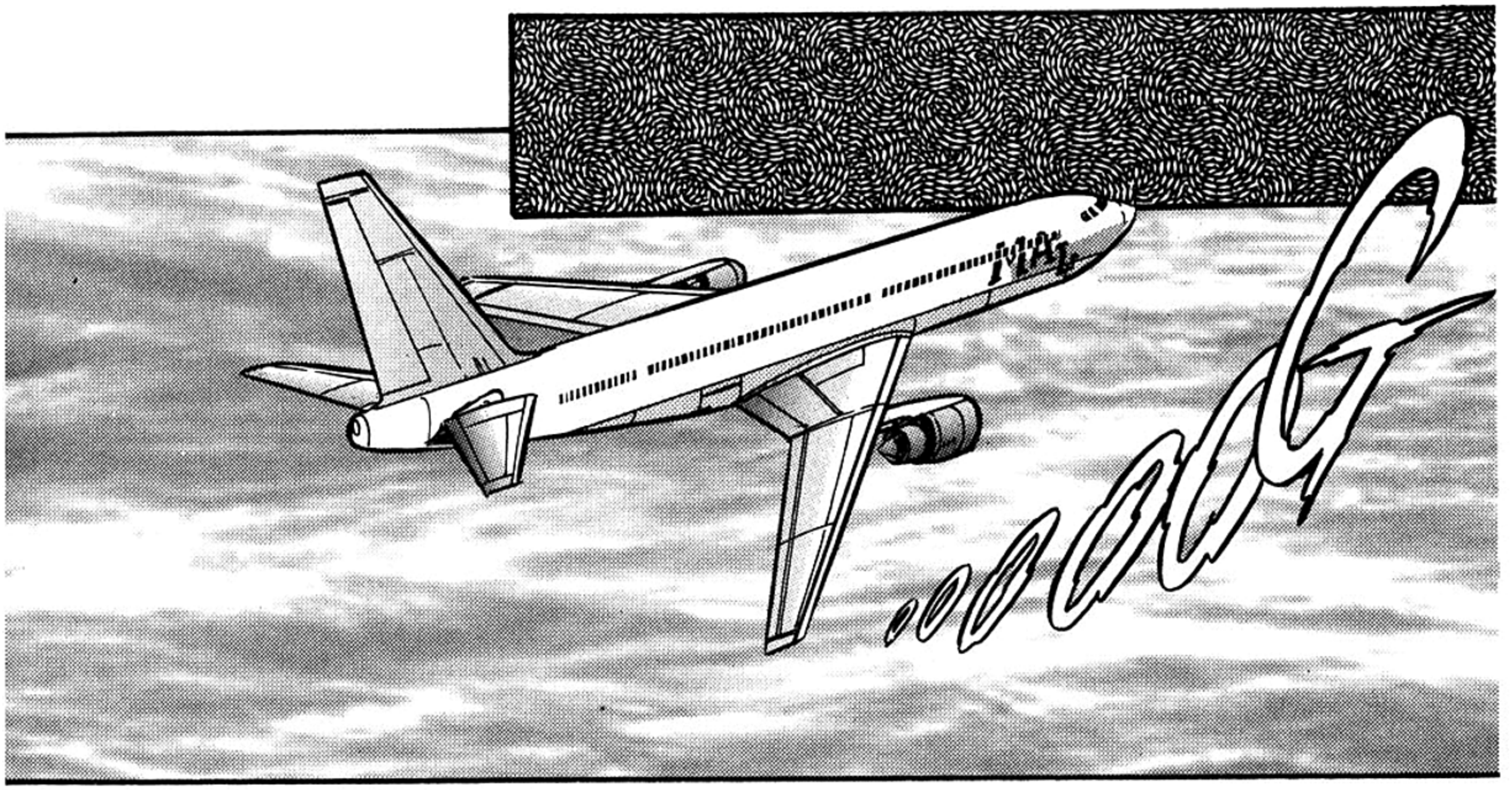
NO...THE SURGEON SAID TODAY THRU MIDDAY TOMORROW IS THE CRITICAL TIME.

HUH?

YES... EVERYONE IS HERE...

!!

...SURELY ...NOT...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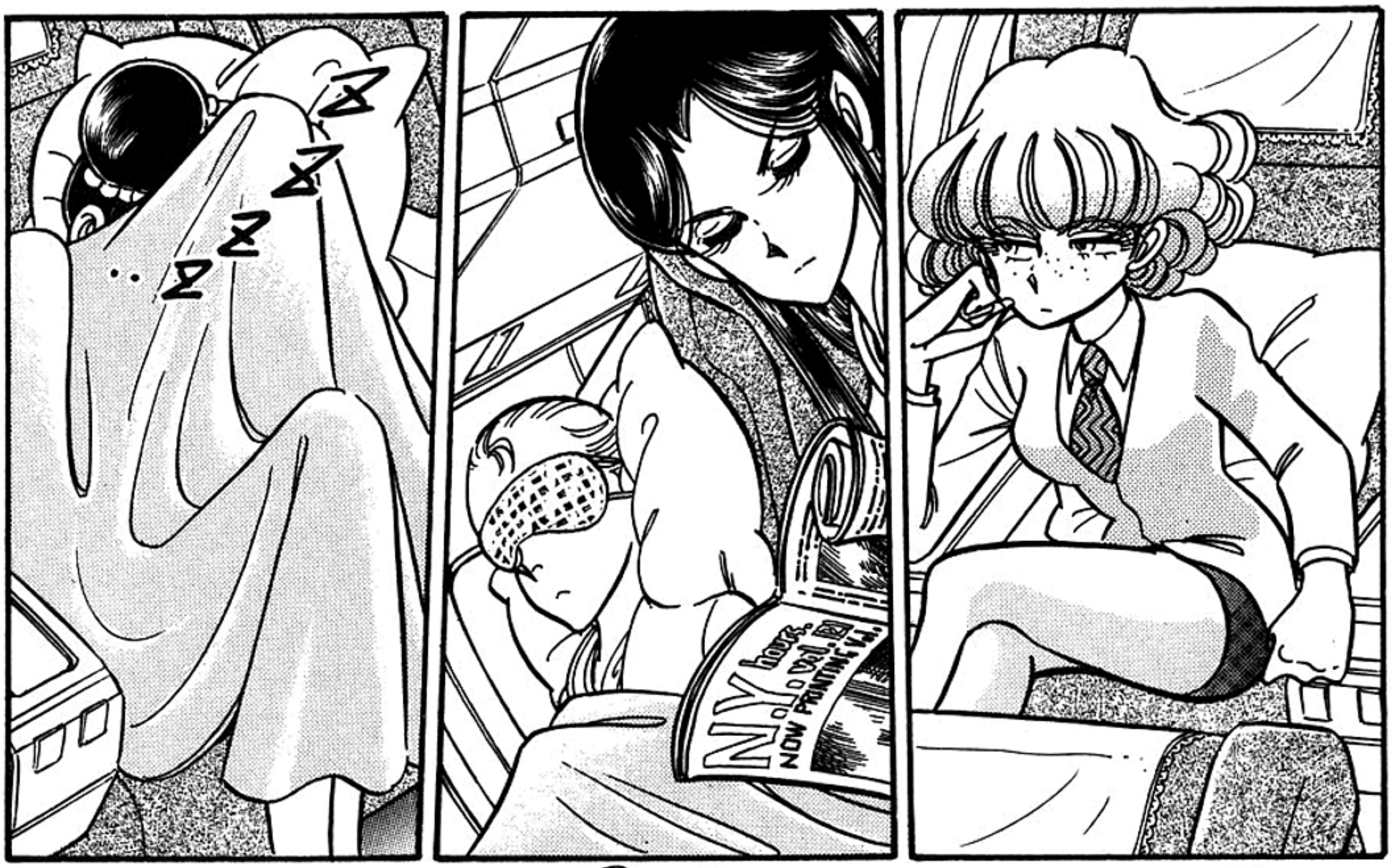
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NOW PRINTING!!

.....
EVERYONE IN THERE IS IN A FOUL MOOD...
THAT'S ENOUGH... SOMEONE TAKE OVER FOR ME IN BUSINESS CLASS.

MARIE, THAT YOU WOULD END UP AT DEATH'S DOOR AGAIN...

THE WOUND IN THE SHAPE OF A ROSE ON YOUR BREAST PROOF OF YOUR PREVIOUS BRUSH WITH DEATH...AND PROOF OF THE HAPPINESS THAT WAS TAKEN...

SEPARATED FROM YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND AND CHILD BY A TERRORIST'S BOMB...

MARIE...

WHAT MORE CAN GOD TAKE AFTER THIS?

Rome
10:00 PM

354 LONDON 20

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931 NICE 2241
754 PARIS 2253
23 01

AND YOU ARE?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

ARE YOU THE PEOPLE FROM CAT?

I AM HELGA MITTELMEIER OF CAT INTER-NATIONAL OPERA-TIONS.

I AM MARIO GANDINI OF THE ROME METROPO-LITAN POLICE.

AH... WELL, YOU SEE...

PERHAPS FIRST WE SHOULD GRAB A BITE TO EAT OR SOMETHING... YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED.

SO...WHERE ARE THESE TERRORISTS?

WE DON'T NEED ANYTHING ...

WE WANT TO WRAP THIS UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND HEAD HOME,

SIG-NORE.

Eh... ummm...

LEONAR

YESTERDAY THREE TERRORIST BOMBS EXPLODED WITHIN THE CITY.

ALL OF THEM WENT OFF PRECISELY AT NOON, KILLING TWENTY-EIGHT AND INJURING AT LEAST A HUNDRED AND FIFTY.

DID ANY SECT CLAIM RESPON-SIBILITY?

YESTERDAY AT NOON WAS RIGHT WHEN OUR OPERATION IN PHILADELPHIA WAS HAPPENING...

ドロオ…

NO SECT WAS NAMED,

BUT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RECEIVED A NOTE CLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY.

THE WARNING STATED THAT THERE ARE TWO MORE BOMBS.

BUT...IF THERE WERE ALREADY THREE EXPLOSIONS, SURELY OUR ROLE IN THIS IS OVER, ISN'T IT?

POLITICAL TERROR IS SUCH A PAIN.

IS THERE ANY KIND OF DEMAND FOR STOPPING THE REMAINING TWO BOMBS?

WARN-ING!?

IT JUST SAYS THERE ARE TWO BOMBS REMAINING.

THERE ISN'T.

THAT'S THE THING ...

WE ARE USING EVERY RESOURCE AT OUR DISPOSAL TO FIND THEM, BUT...

BUT...IF THE TWO BOMBS CAN'T BE DISCOVERED...

WE AREN'T DOGS.

YOU GOT US HERE TO SEARCH FOR BOMBS!?

WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING!?

ARE YOU NUTS!?

WHAT IS IT?

A HINT!?

TH-THERE'S A HINT.

"ASK THE MAN WITH THE KEY" ...IT SAYS.

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THE MAN WITH THE KEY ...?

EVERY GUY IN ITALY HAS KEYS.

THAT STUPID HINT IS USELESS.

INDEED ...

IF HE'S IN JAIL, ONLY THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER HAS A KEY.

IS THERE ONE?

IT WOULD BE EASIER TO FIND ONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE A KEY.

OR A CAR...

THE KEY TO A LOCKER... OR TO AN APAR-TMENT.

THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE THINK-ING ABOUT.

A MAN WHO IS FAMOUS ONLY FOR HAVING A KEY...

OF COURSE... I THINK IT MUST BE A RIDDLE...

NOT JUST SOME GUY WITH A KEY.

OR MAYBE SOMEONE IN A MOVIE.

A SINGER, ENTERTAINER, OR ACTOR... MAYBE.

YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE ANY IDEAS?

OR A MAN THAT BECAME FAMOUS BECAUSE HE HAD A KEY...

I DON'T THINK I'M GOOD AT ANYTHING EXCEPT DEALING WITH TERRORISTS.

NO? WE'RE TERRIBLE AT THIS KIND OF STUFF.

!!

MAU-REEN

COMMANDER MARIE WOULD HAVE A GOOD IDEA IN A FLASH.

MAYBE... JOHN?

SAINT JOHN...BUT NOT THE PERSON. THE STATUE.

AH, SORRY. I GUESS THAT SOUNDED WEIRD.

EH?

MAUREEN, WHO IS JOHN?

HE HAS A KEY.

STATUE? WHAT'S THAT HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

*IT IS ACTUALLY SAINT PETER WHO HOLDS THE KEY, BUT THE AUTHOR CHANGED THE NAME TO JOHN. -TL.

A KEY THAT OPENS THE GATES OF HEAVEN...

THERE ARE SEVERAL STATUES OF SAINT JOHN AROUND ROME.

INCLUDING BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, THERE ARE OVER A HUNDRED.

COLLEEN!!

CONTACT THE ROME POLICE AT ONCE!!

I DON'T CARE IF THERE ARE A THOUSAND, WE HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THEM ALL IF WE CAN.

THAT'S EASIER THAN HAVING TO SEE ONE TRAGEDY WE COULD HAVE PREVENTED.

HELGA!!

SAMANTHA IS ON THE PHONE!!

SHE SAYS COMMANDER MARIE'S CONDITION IS NOT GREAT...

HELGA!! WAIT A SECOND.

HELLO, SAM!!

LET ME TALK TO HER.

COM-MANDER ...

AH...HELGA. I'M SORRY TO CALL YOU ON A MISSION...BUT COLLEEN HAD SAID TO CALL IF THERE WAS ANY CHANGE IN THE COMMANDER'S CONDITION...

SHE HAS HIGH BRAIN FEVER.

AT THIS POINT HER BODY TEMPERATURE IS INCREASING AND IT IS BECOMING DANGEROUS.

HERE'S THE SITUATION AS IT STANDS.

COMMANDER MARIE HAS NOT EXPERIENCED ANY FURTHER HEMORRHAGING IN HER BRAIN.

BUT... SHE IS STILL UNCON-SCIOUS.

D.V.C

THAT'S ALL...

TO COUNTERACT THIS, THE DOCTORS ARE CONSIDERING INDUCED HYPOTHERMIA...

WHO IS IT?

GANDINI OF THE ROME POLICE.

UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE. IF THERE ARE ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, LET US KNOW.

(SFX) KNOCK KNOCK

(※) ANCIENT BURIAL GROUND

WAS THERE A STATUE OF SAINT JOHN ATOP IT?

INSIDE A CATACOMB ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CITY!!*

WE FOUND ONE.

JAA

WE'RE LEAVING!! GET READY.

HOW DID YOU KNOW!?

KEH!! WE'RE GOING TO WORK IN A TRUCK THAT SHOULD BE A LIMOUSINE BUS.

THAT'S WHAT IT IS, ALRIGHT...

POLICE

S- SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I SUPPOSE THE POLICE HERE AREN'T COMPLETE IDIOTS. THAT'S A RELIEF.

YOU MANAGED TO FIND ONE OF THE BOMBS BEFORE WE CONTACTED YOU.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

...WELL...

SO...I SUPPOSE YOU HAVEN'T TOUCHED THE BOMB.

...NOW I'M WOR-RIED...

WE ARE THE POLICE AFTER ALL. WE HAVE OUR OWN BOMB SQUAD.

EH... WELL...

YOU TOUCHED IT?

THE POLICE BOMB SQUAD HAS NO DOUBT DETERMINED IF THE BOMB CAN BE DEFUSED.

THAT'S ENOUGH, COLLEEN.

MR. GANDINI! PLEASE THINK ABOUT WHY WE ARE HERE.

WHAT TYPE IS IT?

OUR SPECIALTY IS COUNTERING TERRORISM.

IT'S A FIRST FOR US...

WELL...THE THING IS...

THERE ARE TWO BANDS FIXED TO THE BACK SIDE.

IF WE MOVE IT, IT PROBABLY BLOWS UP.

MAUREEN, BRING IN THE EQUIPMENT.

...NO

WHEN YOU DISCOVERED IT, WAS ANYTHING ON THE SCREEN?

THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE MONITOR.

AHH

THIS THING MUST HAVE A SENSOR FOR BODY HEAT.

WHEN THE OFFICER WHO DISCOVERED IT APPROACHED, THE MONITOR SUDDENLY SWITCHED ON.

IT'S A QUIZ.

?

WHAT'S THIS?

ENTER THE WAVELENGTH OF UVA.

IT SAYS THE BOMB WILL GO OFF IN AN HOUR.

IT APPEARED WHEN THE DISCOVERING OFFICER FLIPPED THE SWITCH BY APPROACHING.

A QUIZ?

AND?

AND IT WILL GIVE ANOTHER HINT AS TO THE LOCATION OF THE OTHER BOMB.

IF IN THAT TIME YOU GET SIX OUT OF TEN QUESTIONS CORRECT, THE BOMB PROGRAM WILL STOP.

EH...

ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES PAST MIDNIGHT.

WHEN WAS THE SWITCH FLIPPED?

IT SAYS THAT FOR EACH WRONG ANSWER THE TIME LIMIT WILL BE REDUCED BY FIVE MINUTES...

AH...UM

TO CHECK THE SENSORS AND CIRCUITS WILL TAKE ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES. IT'S CLOSE.

IT'S NOW FORTY-FIVE AFTER, SO WE HAVE ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES...

ACTUALLY.... WE'VE ALREADY ANSWERED FOUR OF THE QUESTIONS INCORRECTLY...

!!

!!

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!!

COLLEEN, EVACUATE THE LOCAL RESIDENTS!!

IF THIS HADN'T HAPPENED, I GUESS THEY WOULDN'T HAVE CALLED US.

I WAS CRAZY FOR HAVING ANY FAITH IN YOU!!

AHH! NOW I'M PISSED OFF!

WE STILL HAVE THIRTEEN MINUTES.

WE WON'T GET OUR SECOND CLUE.

IF...WE LET THIS THING BLOW UP,

A LEGENDARY MONSTER THAT DEVOURED ANY TRAVELER WHO COULD NOT ANSWER ITS RIDDLE.

IF YOU ANSWERED THE RIDDLE, YOU WERE ALLOWED TO PASS AND GIVEN A TREASURE...

THIS THING IS LIKE THE SPHINX...

EH?

WHAT'S UVA?

TO BEGIN WITH, I DON'T EVEN UNDER-STAND THIS QUES-TION.

THERE ARE ONLY SIX QUESTIONS LEFT...

AND WE CAN'T MISS ANY OF THEM.

BUT THE IDIOT POLICE ALREADY GOT FOUR QUESTIONS WRONG!!

(※) A NANO-METER IS ONE MILLI-ONTH OF A MILLI-METER

UVA IS THE LONGEST WAVELENGTH AT 400-320 NANOMETERS. THAT'S THE ANSWER.

THEY ARE MEASURED IN NANO-METERS.*

IT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE DIFFERENT WAVELENGTHS A, B, AND C.

UV IS ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION.

(SFX) PA-PING

(SFX) KYAHH

HERE'S THE NEXT QUES-TION!!

MAUREEN

THAT WAS THE WALK OF CANOSSA.

CANOSSA WAS A PLACE IN NORTHERN ITALY WHERE GREGORY VII WAS AT THAT TIME.

THE HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR HENRY IV WAS EXCOMMUNICATED BY POPE GREGORY THE VII.

IN 1077 HE PERFORMED A PENANCE SO THAT THE POPE WOULD LIFT THE EXCOMMUNICATION. WHAT WAS THE PENANCE CALLED?

I USED TO WORK AT A TRADING COMPANY, AND SOMEHOW I ENDED UP READING A LOT OF HISTORY.

AMAZING, MAUREEN.

THIRD QUESTION!!

EIGHT MINUTES LEFT.

(SFX) PA-PING

(SFX) PA-PING

YUCK...THIS IS HISTORY...

ANYONE KNOW SPORTS!?

URK ...

IF THERE IS A POINT TIE IN A WEIGHT-LIFTING COMPETITION, WHICH LIFTER IS JUDGED THE WINNER?

THREE QUES-TIONS LEFT.

SEVEN MINUTES LEFT.

GOOD WORK, JESS!!

(SFX) PA-PING

IF THERE IS A TIE, THE LIFTER WITH THE LOWEST BODY WEIGHT IS THE WINNER.

NAME THE FAMOUS MODERN PHILOSOPHER WHO WAS PERSECUTED BY THE NAZIS AND AFTER THE WAR TAUGHT AT HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY IN GERMANY.

NEXT!!

LET'S GET CRACK-ING!!

NO USE FOR PHILOSOPHY HERE.

NO IDEA.

WHO IS IT?

PEOPLE!! ANYONE KNOW PEOPLE?

(SFX) PA-PING

THAT'S IT!!

OFFI-CER GAN-DINI

USA CAT

THAT WAS JASPERS...

HE OFTEN DEBATED AGAINST HEIDEGGER.

MAU-REEN!! HISTORY !!

TWO QUES-TIONS LEFT!!

I GUESS YOU AREN'T COMPLETELY USELESS...

AT LEAST WITH THIS KIND OF PROBLEM...

YOU'RE SURE?

OH...THAT WAS THE "WAR OF THE ROSES".

IN 1455, WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN THE ENGLISH HOUSES OF YORK AND LANCASTER OVER THE ROYAL SUCCESSION. WHAT WAS THE WAR CALLED?

EVERYONE!! LET'S DO THIS!!

LAST QUEST-ION!

(SFX) PA-PING

GOT IT...

(SFX) OHHH

SO IF WE GET IT WRONG, THE BOMB GOES OFF ALMOST IMMEDIATELY...

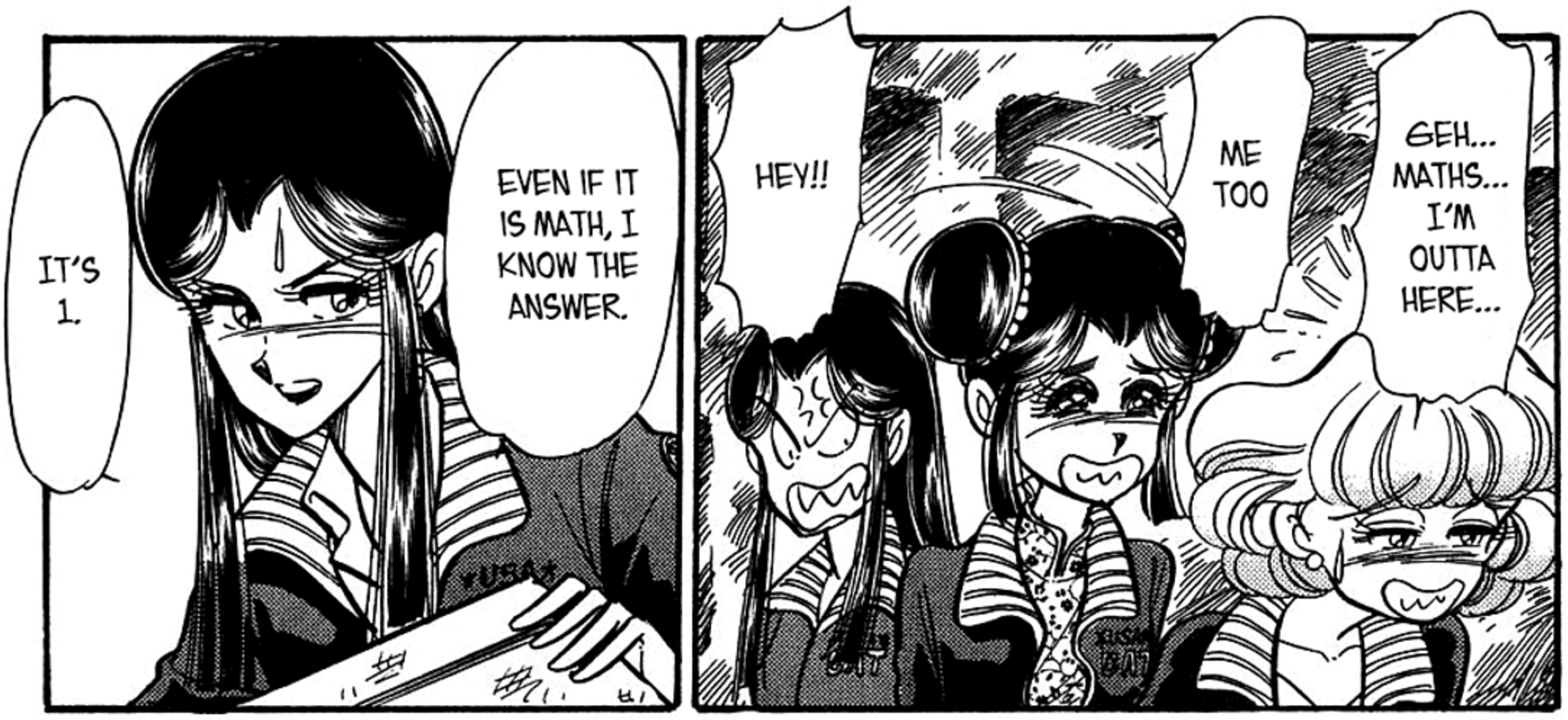
IF WE GET IT WRONG, THE TIME LIMIT GETS SHORTENED BY FIVE MINUTES...

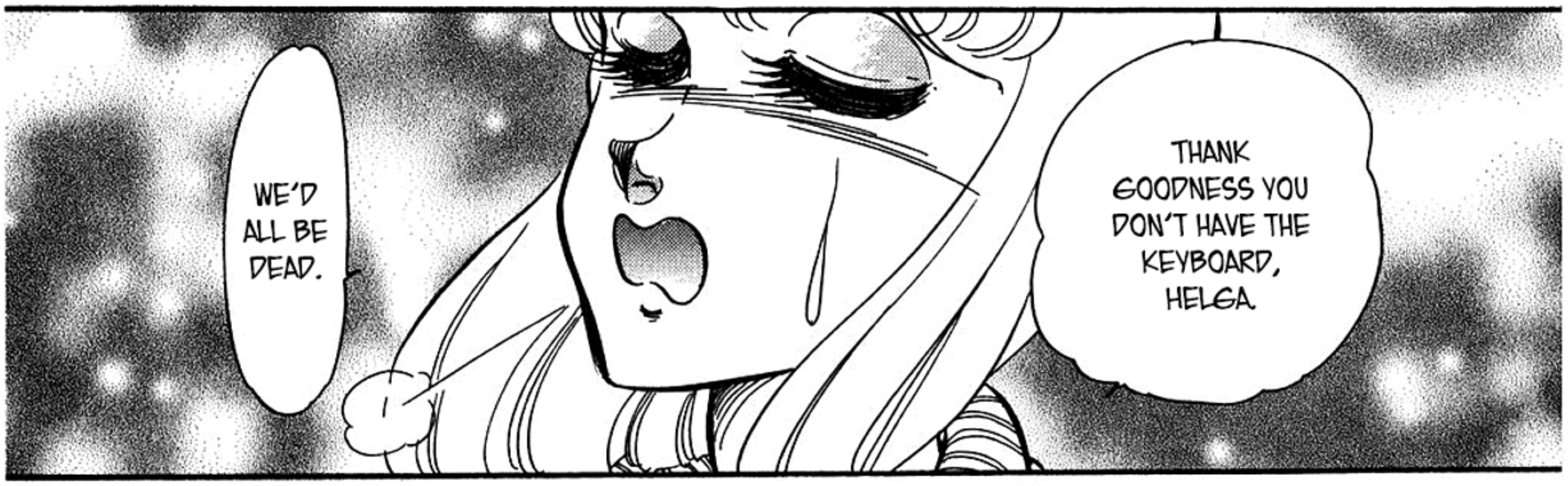
FIVE MINUTES LEFT...

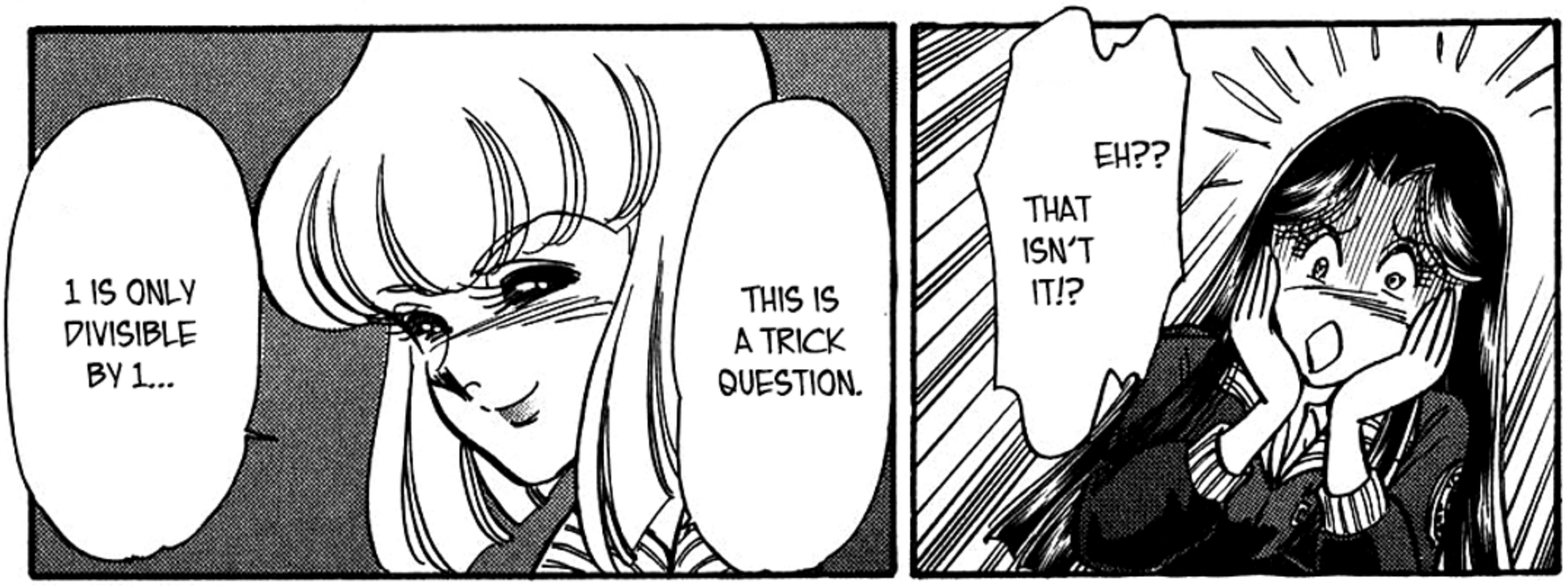
I GUESS WE SHOULD RUN AWAY?

UH

A POSITIVE INTEGER THAT HAS NO FACTORS OTHER THAN ITSELF AND 1 IS CALLED A PRIME NUMBER. WHAT IS THE SMALLEST PRIME NUMBER?







IT CAN BE DIVIDED BY 1 AND 2.

THE ANSWER IS "2".

(SFX) PA-PAKA-PING

COMPLETE!!

(SFX) WAHH

THAT'S OUR COL-LEEN!!

YOU DID IT!!

GREAT!!

AND HERE'S THE SECOND HINT.

(SFX) PING

IN THE CAPITAL OF THE WINGÉD LION,
THE SLUMBERING BLESSING OF 25
SUMMONS THE MAN UNTO DARKNESS.

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ANYWAY, I MADE A NOTE OF IT.

...SHEESH

A WINGED LION WITH THE BLESSING OF 25...?

KEH!! ANOTHER QUIZ!!

THEY'RE MESSING WITH US!

WE STILL CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN. WHAT SHOULD WE DO, COLLEEN?

IT KEPT ITS PROMISES...

THANK GOOD WE'RE DEALING WITH AN HONORABLE BOMB.

MEANING TO TEST US?

EH?

SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN BOTH A MESSENGER AND A TEST.

THIS ONE

WHATEVER WE DO, THE SECOND ONE IS STILL OUT THERE.

PROBABLY...I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY EXPLOSIVE HERE...

YUCK

THIS JOB ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY.

BUT...WE NEEDED TO CLEAR THIS ONE TO OBTAIN THE CRUCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECOND ONE THAT WILL BLOW UP FOR SURE.

TH-THEN... WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ONE...?

I EXPECT IS JUST THE BATTERY THAT RUNS THE COMPUTER...

IF THEY HAD INTENDED IT TO BLOW UP,

THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GONE ABOUT IT IN SUCH A ROUNDA-BOUT WAY.

IT TAKES TOO LONG.

IT'S ALREADY THREE O'CLOCK. WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT TOMORROW. LET'S GO TO BED.

COL-LEEN HERE.

AH... DE-TEC-TIVE GAN-DINI

I SEE. WELL, I'M NOT SURPRISED.

U☆S

C/

(SFX) RRRING

THE DRUM WAS A BATTERY.

JUST AS I SUSPECTED.

WHAT DID THE OLD DUDE SAY THIS TIME?

I DON'T LIKE IT. THE PERPETRATOR GIVES OFF A WEIRD VIBE.

IF WE HADN'T CORRECTLY FINISHED THE QUIZ, IT WOULD HAVE BLOWN OUT FIREWORKS LIKE AT A PARADE...

.....

IN MY EXPERIENCE, A LOT OF CASES LIKE THIS TURN OUT BADLY.

HELGA

NO... GO RIGHT AHEAD.

MIND IF I USE THE SHOWER FIRST?

COLLEEN

WHERE'S THE NOTE WITH THE MESSAGE ON IT?

IN THE RIGHT POCKED OF MY JACKET.

"IN THE CAPITAL OF THE WINGÉD LION, THE SLUMBERING BLESSING OF 25 SUMMONS THE MAN UNTO DARKNESS."...HUH

GRYPHON!!

A WINGED LION...

A LION WITH WINGS...

A GRIFFIN

(SFX) RRRING

THE WINGED LION...

A LEGENDARY ANIMAL ...

MAYBE THE PERP REALLY LIKES FAIRY TALES...

AH... HELGA? IS THIS A GOOD TIME?

SAM ...!!

EH?

DETEC- TIVE?

PERFECT TIMING...

THEY HAVE SHIFTED COMMANDER MARIE INTO INDUCED HYPOTHERMIA.

RIGHT NOW... HER BODY TEMPERATURE IS BEING LOWERED FROM 34°.

THIS WILL CONTINUE FOR THREE DAYS.

FROM THERE THEY SAY THEY WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE HER TEMPERATURE.

I SEE...

THANK YOU... EVERYTHING'S GOING FINE HERE...

BE CAREFUL FOR YOURSELF AND DON'T OVERDO IT.

WHO IS THAT? SAM?

LISTEN, HELGA...

IN HER DELIRIUM,

COMMANDER MARIE OCCASIONALLY CALLS OUT "MITTELMEIER" INSTEAD OF "HELGA". THAT SEEMS STRANGE, DOESN'T IT?

HELGA... HOW IS COMMANDER MARIE?

. . . . . .

MIITTEL-MEIER...!?

THE ONLY TIME MARIE EVER CALLED ME BY MY LAST NAME...WAS WHEN WE WERE IN TRAINING...

MARIE...ARE YOU IN THE TRAINING YARD NOW?

SHE'S CALLING OUT...MY NAME...

HELGA!! HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO COMMANDER MARIE?

RATHER THAN YOUR SECOND IN COMMAND, SURELY YOU WOULD BE CALLING YOUR SON OR YOUR HUSBAND'S NAME...

IF YOU ARE SAYING IT IN A DELIRIUM...

Marlboro

JUST AS IT WAS FOR ME, I THINK THAT WAS THE MOST AGONIZING TIME FOR MARIE.

I SEE...

SO THAT'S IT...

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HER.

TO THINK SHE IS LOST IN SUCH AN HORRIBLE TIME OF HER LIFE...

MAYBE THEN SHE'LL REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS.

SAM SAYS THEY WILL START RAISING HER TEMPERATURE IN THREE DAYS.

(SFX) RRRINNG

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THAT... WE STILL DON'T KNOW...

NO...NOT THE MYTHICAL ANIMAL. THE TERRORIST CALLED GRYPHON...

UNDERSTOOD. AND PLEASE INVESTIGATE GRYPHON.

AHH... DETECTIVE.

YES...WE'RE STILL UP.

HELLO!!

WHAT!?

IN THREE DAYS!!

GRY-PHON...

SEND ANY AND ALL RECENT INFORMATION ABOUT HIM HERE...

UH-HUH. THE TERRORIST WHO DEPRIVED HER OF HER HUSBAND AND CHILD

AND ETCHED THE IMAGE OF A ROSE ON HER BOSOM...

YOU MEAN THE ONE ...

HELGA!! BY GRYPHON ...

THEN, WHO WE ARE DEALING WITH HERE IS...

IF HE IS THE WINGED LION IN THE MESSAGE...

IT'S POSSIBLE. BUT WE AREN'T CERTAIN.

IF YOU ARE WANDERING THROUGH YOUR MEMORIES OF THE TRAINING YARD, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

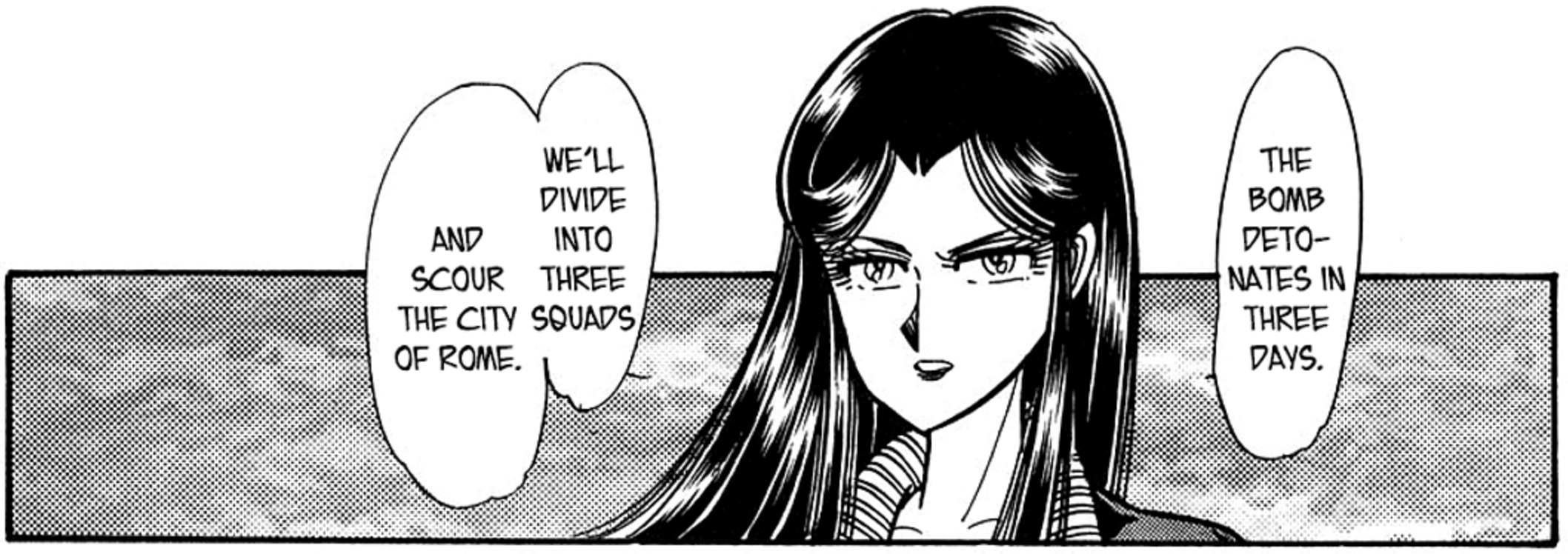
I'M GOING INTO THE SHOWER...

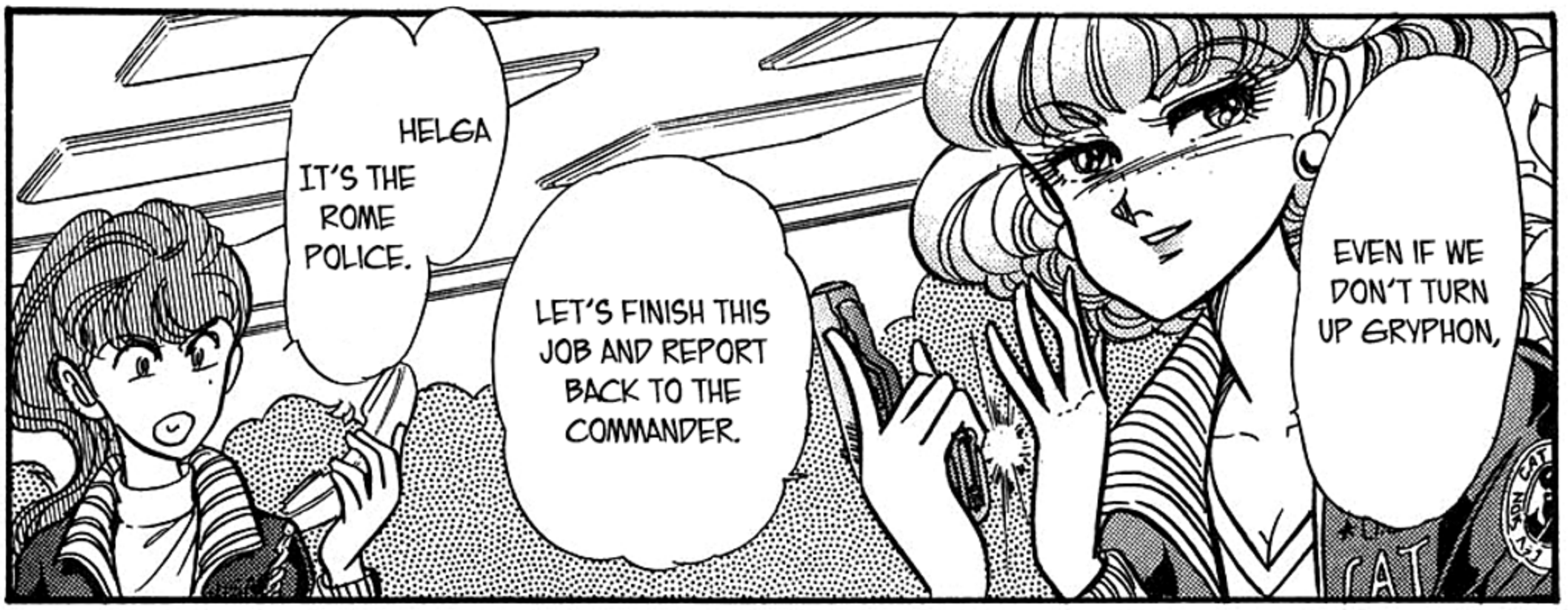
PLEASE GO ON TO BED.

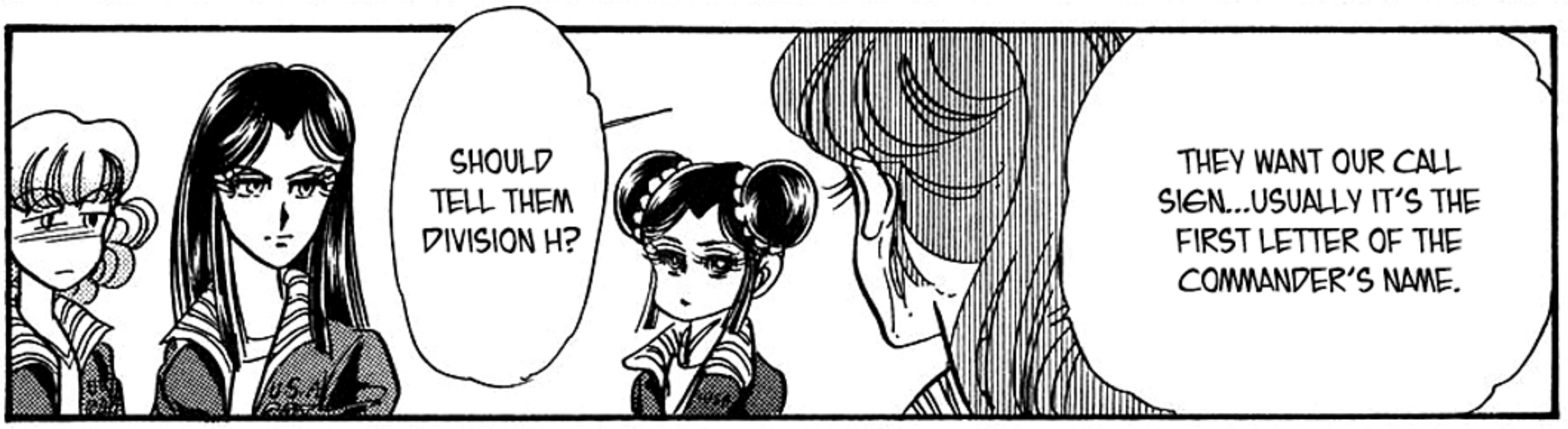
(SFX) FSSSS

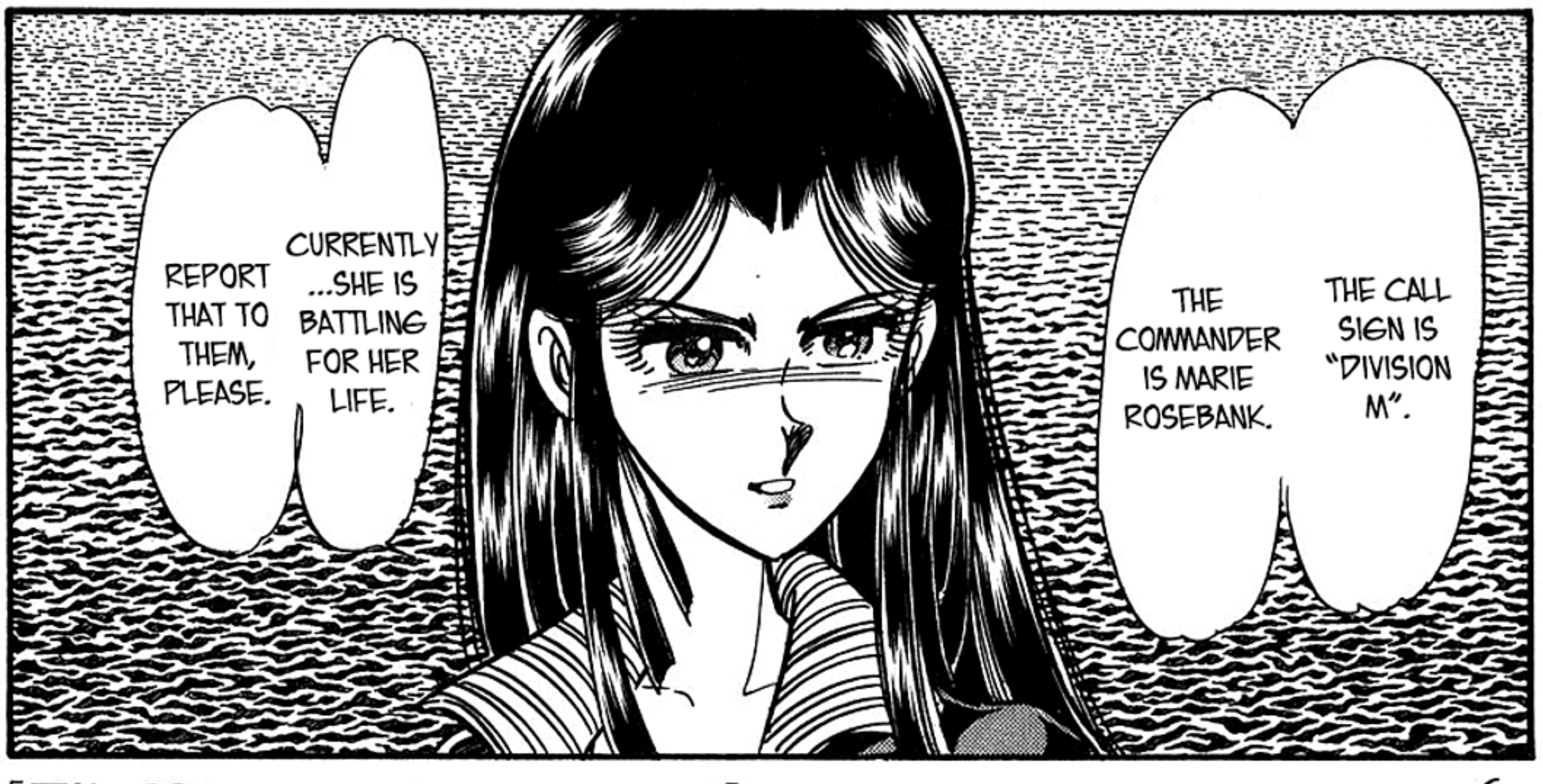
IF YOU ARE CALLING OUT MY NAME, DOES THAT MEAN YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING? ...MARIE...

MARIE...


WE'LL DIVIDE INTO THREE SQUADS AND SCOUR THE CITY OF ROME.
THE BOMB DETO-NATES IN THREE DAYS.


HELGA IT'S THE ROME POLICE.
LET'S FINISH THIS JOB AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMANDER.
EVEN IF WE DON'T TURN UP GRYPHON,


SHOULD TELL THEM DIVISION H?
THEY WANT OUR CALL SIGN...USUALLY IT'S THE FIRST LETTER OF THE COMMANDER'S NAME.


REPORT THAT TO THEM, PLEASE.
CURRENTLY ...SHE IS BATTLING FOR HER LIFE.
THE COMMANDER IS MARIE ROSEBANK.
THE CALL SIGN IS "DIVISION M".

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File 26: Heaven's Gate (4)

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WHY DO THEY ALLOW ALL THIS ILLEGAL PARKING?!!

AHHH!!

THE POLICE OUGHT TO BE MORE SERIOUS ABOUT ENFORCEMENT.

WITH SO MANY CARS, SURELY THEY COULD BUILD SOME PARKING GARAGES.

THEY CAN'T EXCAVATE UNDER-GROUND.

THEY HAVE A LOT OF LARGE BUILDINGS, SO UNDERGROUND PARKING WOULD PROVIDE A LOT OF RELIEF.

ANYWHERE YOU DIG IN ROME, YOU ARE BOUND TO TURN UP RUINS.

THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE TO ALLOW SO MUCH STREET-LEVEL PARKING.

AND THEY CAN'T EVEN TEAR DOWN OLD BUILDINGS TO MAKE PARKING GARAGES.

SO OF COURSE ROME HAS NO UNDER-GROUND PARKING.

OF COURSE, ONCE ANY RUINS APPEAR THE GOVERNMENT PUTS A HALT TO FURTHER EXCAVATIONS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE SITE!!

THAT MAKES THEM AFRAID TO EVEN START DIG-GING.

I RETURNED TO AMERICA AFTER MY DIVORCE.

MAYBE FIVE YEARS...JUST OVER TWO IN ROME.

DID YOU LIVE A LONG TIME IN ITALY?

MAUREEN, YOU SAID EARLIER YOU USED TO WORK AT A TRADING COMPANY.

DID YOUR HUSBAND HAVE AN AFFAIR?

YOU'RE DIVORCED HUHH? ...

BUT...I HAD THE AFFAIR.

THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN OKAY.

J- JUST A SECOND ...

YAHH!♡ YOU KNOW... THAT!

EH?

WAS IT TASTY? WAS IT THICK?

SAY, WAS HE OLDER OR YOUNGER?

(SFX) BUMP

AH

RIGHT?

THERE'S A LEGEND THAT IF YOU THROW A COIN OVER YOUR SHOULDER INTO THE TREVI FOUNTAIN, YOU WILL RETURN HERE SOME DAY.

YUM!

(SFX) SPLAT

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Uh-oh. Helga's pissed now.

D- DON'T GET MAD... I'LL BUY ANOTHER RIGHT AWAY...

WAIT...

SORRY. I'LL GO GET YOU ANOTHER.

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING.

I KNOW! VANILLA AND MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP WITH LOTS OF COOKIE TOPPING.

DON'T YOU GET IT? I ALREADY DECIDED!!

YOU DON'T WANT ANYTHING? A SCARY FACE LIKE THAT SHOUTS THAT YOU WANT SOMETHING.

HEY!!

LET ME COME BACK HERE AGAIN!

AH!!

NO...WELL MAYBE A LITTLE...NO... THAT IS...

IRENE, ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?

In U.S. dollars that was about fifty cents... idiot!!

YOU TWO ARE TOO MUCH.

It's not like it was a thousand dollars. Relax!!

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK ABOUT A HUNDRED TIMES.

I had at least a thousand lira in there. Now I'm broke!!

I ENDED UP TOSSING MY WHOLE WALLET IN, IRENE!

giggle giggle

Wa ha ha

RIGHT

IT WAS JUST A MESSAGE BOMB AIMED AT SENDING US INFORMATION.

ALREADY THREE BOMBS HAVE GONE OFF INSIDE THE CITY.

OF THE REMAINING TWO, ONE WAS A DUMMY.

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NORMALLY WITH TERRORIST BOMBS, THE SECT CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY AFTER THE BOMB EXPLODES.

THAT'S RIGHT... WEIRD.

IN THE CAPITAL OF GRYPHON, THE BLESSING OF 25...OR SOMETHING.

BUT THE MESSAGE WAS A WEIRD RIDDLE.

THAT'S THE ONE WE DEALT WITH LAST NIGHT.

IS THAT THE AUTHORITIES BEGIN TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM.

IF THERE AREN'T ANY DEMANDS... THEN THE NEXT STEP

AND THEN...THEY DEMAND MONEY...OR A LIFE...OR SOME POLITICAL IDEAL.

WAIT A SEC...

BUT THIS TIME... THERE ARE NO DEMANDS ...

THE PERPETRATORS HAVE NEVER HAD ANY INTENTION OF ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS.

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IS THE POSSIBILITY OF STOPPING ONE OUT OF TWO...

WHAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN...

IF COM-MANDER MARIE WERE HERE...

UMM...

EVEN IF WE STOP IT, WHAT KIND OF TERRORIST SECT ARE WE DEALING WITH? I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA.

...BUT

RIGHT NOW HELGA IS COMMANDER.

STOP IT, LIN.

MARIE WOULD THINK ALL THE POINTS THROUGH FROM BEGINNING TO END WITH A COOL HEAD...

I'VE BEEN THINKING THE SAME THING.

THAT'S OKAY. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

FROM AMONG ALL THE INCIDENTS.

SHE WOULD SEARCH OUT ANY COMMON TRAITS

WHAT ON EARTH DOES MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OR THE POLICE THINK THEY'RE DOING?!!

KEH!!

I'D RATHER DEPEND ON A FORTUNE TELLER.

STOPPING TERRORISM IS SIMPLE.

THIS ISN'T SOME SUPERMARKET FLYER! WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WITH A REPORT LIKE THIS?

THESE DOCUMENTS ON GRYPHON AREN'T ANY DIFFERENT THAN CAT'S DATA.

SAY SOMETHING. HELGA!!
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE EXPLOSION IS TOMORROW.

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MARIE

THERE !!

ARE WE THERE YET?

WAIT!!

WHEN WE RECOVER THE MESSAGE CANISTER BURIED UNDER THAT FLAG, WE'RE DONE.

OK!!

JUST A LITTLE FURTHER ...

LET'S GO!!

THERE MAY BE TRAPS.

SHOULDN'T WE CHECK THE CIRCUMFERENCE FIRST?

BUT...

WE'VE BEEN WADING THROUGH THIS SQUISHY BOG FOR MORE THAN HALF THE DAY.

HMPH

TODAY'S COMMANDER SAYS WE SHOULD CHECK THE CIRCUM-FERENCE... WHAT DO YOU SAY?

RIGHT!

LET'S GO!

IF WE'RE CAREFUL, IT'LL BE FINE.

NO!!

MITTEL-MEIER

TSK!!

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I AM THE COMMANDER OF THE DAY.

PLEASE DO AS I SAY.

THEN... WHAT SHOULD WE DO, COMMANDER ROSEBANK?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND, MITTLE-MEIER?

ALSO...

I AM UNEASY ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE FRONT SIDE IS THE ONLY SIDE WHERE NO REEDS ARE GROWING.

I AM CONCERNED THAT THERE ISN'T ANY COVER.

IF THE FLAG IS PLANTED IN THE MIDDLE OF A SWAMP, IT MUST ON SOMETHING LIKE AN ISLAND.

LET'S BYPASS THE ISLAND AND CHECK OUT THE CIRCUM-FERENCE.

I HAVE TWO THOUGHTS.

THAT'S THE ONLY PLACE WHERE THE WATER IS DEEP...OR MAYBE THE PLANTS WERE CUT BACK TO SET A TRAP.

IF THERE'S NOTHING HERE, I'LL BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF YOU.

ORDERS, ORDERS.

WE'VE GOT TO KEEP GO-ING ?!!

AHHHH!

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A BOOBY... TRAP

...AS EXPECT-ED...

RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE ISLAND ARE BURIED BAMBOO LANCES.

THERE ARE THREE CLAYMORE MINES... THOUGH I EXPECT THEY ARE LOADED WITH PAINT-BALLS TOO.

AIMED AT THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND.

THERE ARE FIVE PAINTBALL M16 INSTAL-LATIONS

DAMN... NEVER LET DOWN YOUR GUARD... HUH...

THAT MAY BE THE BIGGEST TRAP OF ALL.

THEY MAKE US WADE MORE THAN HALF A DAY THROUGH A SWAMP TO EXHAUST US.

SO THAT WE'LL MAKE ERRORS IN JUDGMENT WHEN THE OBJECTIVE IS IN SIGHT...

LET'S GET THAT MESSAGE CANISTER AND GO HOME.

WE FOUND ALL THE TRAPS.

BUT... IT'S OKAY.

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SAMANTHA IS ON THE PHONE!!

HELGA!!

MARIE

MS. ROSEBANK, CAN YOU HEAR US? HEY!!

HEY!!

UH...AH... TEL...MEI... ER

UMM... COMMAN- DER MARIE

H- HELGA!

AND SHE'S CALLING YOU!!

SHE'S FADING IN AND OUT OF CON- SCIOUS- NESS.

WH...WHERE ...IS...MIT... TEL...

H- HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUS- NESS...AND...

IF YOU CAN, PUT IT NEAR MARIE'S EAR.

SAM!! CAN YOU TAKE THE TELEPHONE INTO THE TREATMENT ROOM?

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CAN YOU HEAR ME? I'VE PLACED THE TELEPHONE AS YOU ASKED...

HELGA..

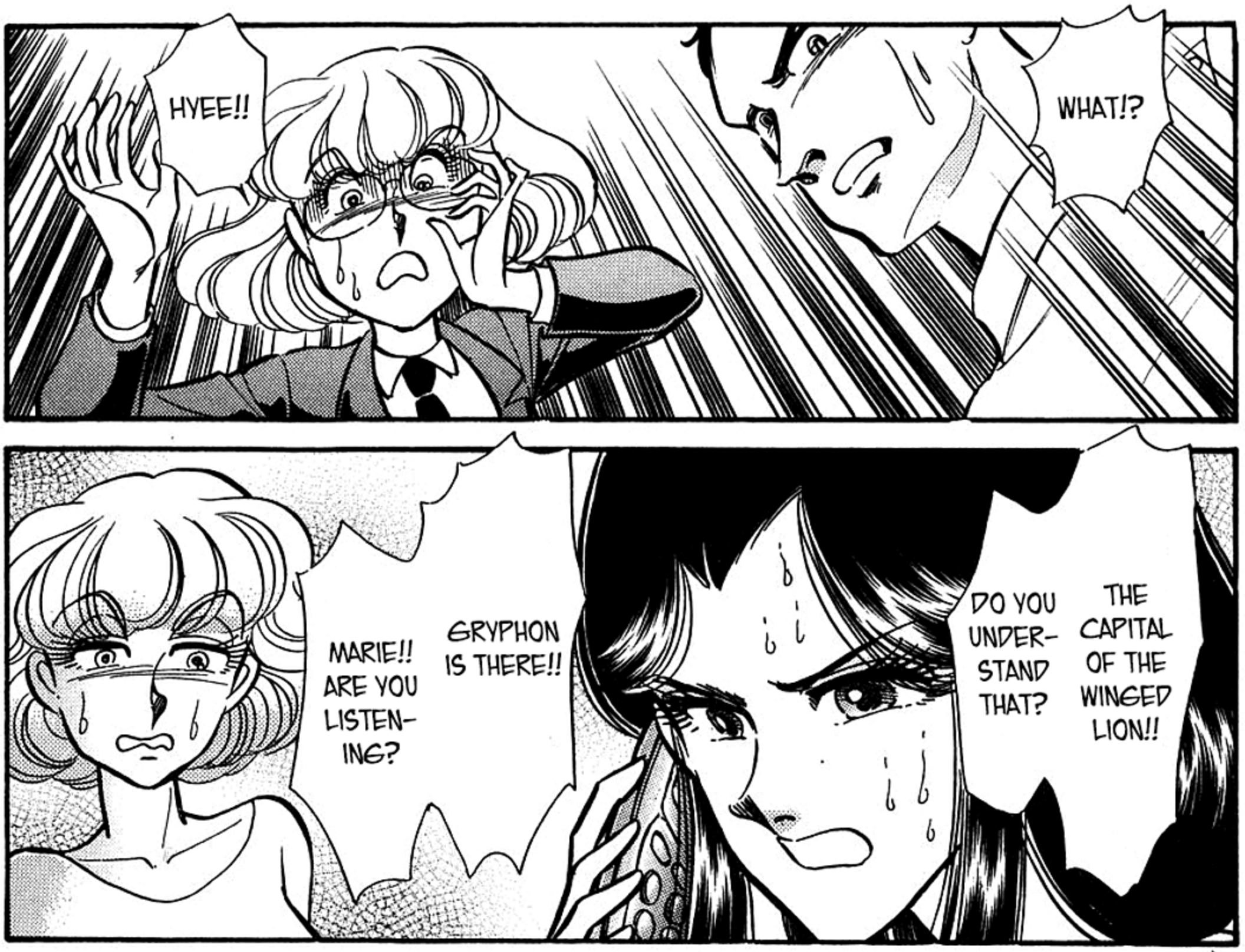
H-HELGA !!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!! WAKE UP AT ONCE!

ATTENTION, ROSEBANK!!

GYPHON IS OUT!!

HE IS LAUNCH-ING AN ATTACK !!


HYEE!!
WHAT!?
MARIE!! ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?
GRYPHON IS THERE!!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND THAT?
THE CAPITAL OF THE WINGED LION!!
...HELGA... UM...
IS VENEZIA ...
THE CAPITAL OF THE WINGED LION...

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(SFX) COUGH...

COM-MANDER MARIE!!

THAT'S ... RIGHT.

VENEZIA... YOU MEAN, VENICE!?

THE CITY'S... CREST...HAS A GRIFFIN...

MA-RIE!!

HEY!!

THAT'S ENOUGH!!

THE PATIENT CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE!!

TAKE HER BACK TO THE ASPIRATOR!!

DID YOU HEAR!? I'M HANGING UP NOW!!

HELGA!!

THE PROBLEM IS...THE VENICE GRIFFIN...

YES... DON'T WORRY.

HELGA!! DID COMMANDER MARIE REGAIN CONSCIOUS-NESS!?

... UH-HUH THERE'S ONE IN SAINT MARK'S SQUARE.

MAUREEN DOES THE CREST OF VENICE HAVE A GRIFFIN?

QUIET!! I'M THINK-ING RIGHT NOW.

HELGA!!

BUT THE ONES ON ST. MARK'S BASILICA AND THE CLOCK TOWER ARE MORE FAMOUS.

IN FRONT OF THE DOGE'S PALACE.

But...the blessing of 25...and the man summoned to darkness... are what?

If Gryphon is telling his location as Marie said, it may be Venice...

For that interval her mind was in darkness...!! ...darkness...

Thank goodness Marie has regained consciousness...

HELGA !!

all the things that have happened thus far. Saint John...the man with the key to heaven...

There must be...there must be some keyword that connects...

THE CHURCH'S HOLY DOOR REPRESENTS THE GATES OF HEAVEN.

WHAT'S THAT?

COME TO THINK OF IT, TOMORROW THEY WILL OPEN THE HOLY DOOR.

THIS YEAR IS THE CATHOLIC JUBILEE. NORMALLY THE HOLY DOOR IS CLOSED, BUT THEY WILL OPEN IT FOR THE JUBILEE.

IF THEY ARE OPENING THE HOLY DOOR OF ST. MARK'S BASILICA...

THE POPE WILL COME.

MAUREEN ...IS THAT TRUE?

NO WAY...

DO THE CATHEDRAL PRIESTS OPEN IT?

THAT'S IT!!

CON-TACT THE POLICE!!

IT'S A PLOT TO ASSASSIN-ATE THE POPE!!

THE MAN WITH THE KEY...IS JOHN...

POPE JOHN PAUL...

!!

ONCE IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS FOR THE JUBILEE...

THE HOLY DOOR THAT SYMBOLIZES THE GATE OF HEAVEN.

ROGER!!

ALSO CONTACT THE VATICAN!!

CONTACT THE VENICE POLICE AS WELL AND TELL THEM TO MAKE A HUGE INVESTIGATION.

MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY THE DIVERSIONARY BOMBS.

THE DUMMY BOMB. NOBODY IS THINKING ABOUT THE POPE.

THE THREE EXPLOSIONS IN ROME.

IF THEY ARE PLANNING TO ASSASSINATE THE POPE, THAT'S A BIG DEAL.

MARIE WOULD NEVER FORGIVE THAT.

(SFX) RRRINNNG

(SFX) KYAHH

HOO-RAY!!

THEY'VE FOUND A BOMB BELOW THE HOLY DOOR.

IT'S THE ROME POLICE!!

THE MILITARY BOMB SQUAD IS ALREADY ON IT.

(SFX) KYAHH

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MAKE PREPA-RATIONS !!

NOW, LET'S GO HOME TO AMERICA!!

EH?... BUT THAT'S MARIE'S THING...

THAT'S RIGHT. LIKE ALWAYS.

HELGA!! AREN'T YOU GONNA CALL IT A WRAP?

HELGA!!

WAIT!!

(SFX) A-HEM

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THEN ...UMM ...

THIS TIME, YOU ARE THE COMMANDER.

WE'VE GOT A SITUA-TION!!

THE COMMANDER HAS TO SAY IT.

UM...WHAT ABOUT THE RIGHT SIDE?

THE SOUND COLLECTION MIC PICKED UP THE VOICES OF FOUR PEOPLE.

TWO PERPE-TRATORS AND TWO FEMALE HOSTAGES.

IT'S GOOD THAT THE POLICE FIGURED OUT THE TERRORISTS' HIDEOUT,

BUT LETTING THEM ESCAPE, AND WITH HOSTAGES, IS BEYOND THE PALE.

HERE'S THE DETECTIVE.

IT CER-TAINLY IS.

I HOPE YOU LADIES WILL EXCUSE US FOR CALLING YOU OUT. IT'S A BAD SITUATION...

WE'LL HAVE THIS SITUATION SORTED OUT IN A JIFFY.

NO PROB-LEM..

RIGHT NOW...THE MILITARY SPECIAL FORCES HAVE A REQUEST.

IN A... JIFFY...?

FORMATION FIVE! ENGAGE!!

DIVISION M

LET'S GO!!

THOSE LADIES DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WAIT AROUND.

HUH?

TOO LATE...

HEADQUARTERS SAID TO WAIT UNTIL MORNING.

DETEC-TIVE

POP OPEN THE WHISKEY BOTTLE.

CRACKER ONE HERE. WE'RE READY.

BRAVO!!

THERE'S THE SIGNAL. LET'S MAKE QUICK WORK OF THIS.

OK!!

RIGHTO

LET'S GO, IRENE.

!!

D-
DETEC-
TIVE!!

D-
DAMN

HEY!!

COME
ON!!

KYAH

FOOL! DO YOU SEE THIS?!!

!!

I SEE IT JUST FINE.

KYAHH

KYAH

WAWAWA

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GAME OVER

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED -04:50HRS- THAT'S A WRAP!!

...UH-HUH...

DETEC-TIVE...

THEY REALLY...DID IT IN A JIFFY.

WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE...

USA CAT

NOW YOU HAVE TO SAY IT FOR SURE.

HELGA !!

HOSPITAL

THEY STILL HAVEN'T COME HOME.

THIS WEEK IS FASHION WEEK AND THE NEW MILAN COLLECTION IS COMING OUT.

UH-HUH

MILAN?

I EXPECT THEY WENT TO MILAN.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

WE GOT A REPORT THE MISSION ENDED THREE DAYS AGO.

OH NO...THEY AREN'T GOING TO BUY THE NEW STUFF.

I GUESS THEY WENT TO BUY SOME OF THE NEW OFFER-INGS.

OHH... THEY'VE BEEN DOING MISSIONS AROUND THE CLOCK, SO THEY GOT BONUSES ...

WHEN THE NEW LINE COMES OUT, THE STUFF FROM THE PREVIOUS SEASON GETS A SUDDEN DISCOUNT.

THEY WENT TO THE OUTLET STORES.

GEHH!! THIS BLOUSE IS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND LIRA!!

£200.000-

HELGA! IT'S ONLY $116 IN U.S. DOLLARS. THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD DEAL.

THIS PLACE IS SUPPOSED TO BE AN OUTLET STORE!

LOWER THE PRICE SOME MORE!

NOOO...

IF IT'S OTHERWISE THE SAME THING, FOR HER THE CHEAPEST IS BEST. SHE'S A GRADE-A TIGHTWAD.

IT'S A SOUVENIR FOR THE COMMANDER...IT SHOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE.

where did you get that thing...?

I wonder what she'll bring...

INDEED...BUT MITTELMEIER IS A TIGHTWAD...

RIGHT NOW THEY MAY BE BUYING YOU A SOUVENIR.

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File 27: Black Banquet (1)

Nārita Airport

NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

I'D LIKE A RECEIPT, PLEASE.

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VIP専用

I'M WITH SPECIAL UNIT 1 OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY. LET ME THROUGH.

JAL FIGHT 601 TO VANCOUVER HAS BEEN DELAYED THIRTY MINUTES...

AH...THE GENERAL PUBLIC GOES THIS WAY.

SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU.

A...YES MA'AM.

AND WHEN I FINALLY GOT SOME TIME OFF.

...DAMN ...IT'S JUST SAD.

I DON'T BELIEVE I'M LATE...

KOSAKA, OVER HERE. OH!

HELLO

THIS IS MR. E. HOWARD FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. HE'S IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

LET ME INTRO-DUCE YOU.

NO, NO. WE ARRIVED EARLY.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

I AM AKANE KOSAKA WITH THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

IT'S QUITE A SURPRISE.

I NEVER EXPECTED SUCH A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN.

WHEN I HEARD WE WERE GETTING AN OFFICER FROM PUBLIC SAFETY, I WONDERED HOW SCARY LOOKING YOU MIGHT BE.

OHH!

I WONDER IF HE WAS TRYING TO REMIND ME NOT TO TRY TO HAVE PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS IN JAPANESE.

FLUENTLY

INDEED, QUITE.

わはは

MR. HOWARD CERTAINLY SPEAKS JAPANESE WELL.

(SFX) WA HA HA HA

OHH...

HERE THEY COME.

BUT THEN... HE IS THE FOREVER LOW-RANKING SECTION CHIEF.

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NUMBER THREE!! FINISHED WITH SHOOTING PRACTICE!!

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TOKYO POLICE
FIRING RANG
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KAN-CHAN

ARE YOU FINISHED? GOOD WORK.

AKANE

BECAUSE OF THE ANTI-TERROR SECURITY AT THE WINTER OLYM-PICS?

OH RIGHT.

NO WAY...TODAY I HAVE KEEP MY WITS ABOUT ME.

AND AN APPOINT-MENT TO THE SPECIAL UNIT.

A SPEC-TACULAR CAREER. AREN'T YOU SATISFIED?

AFTER FINISHING A TWO-YEAR COLLEGE AND THE POLICE ACADEMY...I GET A HIGH-LEVEL JOB IN PUBLIC SAFETY.

...UH-HUH...

IT ISN'T AS IF THE TEAM COMING FROM AMERICA WILL BE SUPERVISING US.

NO MATTER HOW HARD WE WORK AND NO MATTER HOW HIGH WE AIM, THEY DON'T SEEM TO TRUST US...DO THEY?

IT'S A LECTURE. THEY ARE TERRORISM EXPERTS. AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE COMPLACENT?

THEY WILL BE TRAINING US.

BUT...

IT MAY ONLY BE A WINTER ATHLETIC MEET, BUT OVER FIVE MILLION SPECTATORS WILL BE THERE. SURELY THAT MAKES IT A TASTY TARGET FOR TERRORISTS.

PLUS A TON OF FOREIGN MEDIA ARE COMING. IT'S THE BIG TIME.

OH STOP...

JUST FOR...A WINTER ATHLETIC MEET?

THIS IS NOT JUST NAGANO'S PROBLEM.

WE EXTENDED THE HIGH SPEED RAIL AND OPENED LOTS OF FREEWAYS. WE'VE BUILT A NUMBER OF NEW FACILITIES.

IT'S EASILY A PROBLEM OF NATIONAL SCOPE.

WE OUGHT AT LEAST TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN JAPANESE SECURITY WITHOUT ANY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE...

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BUT THEN, IF WE GET BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS BY A BOMB IT WON'T MEAN MUCH...FU FU

WE'LL TAKE OUR IRON PLATED BRIEFCASES IN HAND AND BECOME SHIELDS FOR THE VIPS.

WE'LL DO AS WE ALWAYS DO.

THE COMMANDER IS ONE MARIE ROSEBANK.

THEY SAY IT'S AN ALL-FEMALE TEAM...

LET'S SHOW THOSE YANKEE GIRLS WHAT TRADITIONAL JAPANESE LADIES CAN DO.

WHO CARES.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I BE DOING?

SHEESH... YOU REALLY DON'T CARE, DO YOU...

OH, RIGHT.

COME ON, KOSAKA.

THEY'RE HERE.

WE'D APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH.

YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM YOUR LONG JOURNEY. I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR HOTEL AT ONCE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING.

EH? BUT... A JAPANESE PERSON?

I AM KOSAKA WITH PUBLIC SAFETY.

KOSAKA THIS IS COMMANDER MARIE ROSEBANK WITH THE AMERICAN TEAM.

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MEET US.

HEY, LIN!! CALM DOWN!

WOAH!! JAPAN! JAPAN!

HUH?

MARIE ?

!

SHE'S THE ACE OF THE JAPANESE TEAM.

(SFX) SILENCE

WH- WHAT'S WITH HER...?

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AKANE... CHAN?

AH...UMM... WELCOME.

AH?

EH!?

IT IS!! IT'S YOU!! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!!

MORI-
NAGA
...
CHAN?

MARIKO...
YOU MEAN
MARIKO...

IT'S ME! ♡
MARIKO.

(SFX) KYAH KYAH KYAH

IT'S BEEN
SINCE HIGH
SCHOOL
GRADUATION!

EHH!!!
NO WAY!!

NO WAY!!
IT REALLY
IS MARIKO-
CHAN!!

BUT...

EH...

COME ON!
LET ME
INTRODUCE
YOU TO MY
TEAM.

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GOOD-
NESS

I'M THE ONE WHO'S SURPRISED. WHO WOULD HAVE EVER THOUGHT YOU'D GO INTO ANTI-TERRORISM...

BUT TO THINK YOU ARE NOW A POLICE OFFICER...

I HAVEN'T HAD A PANIC LIKE THAT IN A WHILE.

IT'S KINDA EMBAR-RASS-ING.

AHH

COIN-CIDENCES REALLY DO HAPPEN.

...SHEESH

AND THEN WHEN THEY TOLD ME YOUR NAME WAS MARIE ROSEBANK, I WAS SURE YOU'D BE A FOREIGNER...

I'M AN AMERICAN CITIZEN NOW, SO INDEED YOU CAN CALL ME A FOREIGNER...

MY PASSPORT SAYS MARIKO ROSEBANK, THOUGH.

BUT EVERYONE CALLS ME MARIE.

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

OF ALL PEOPLE...YOU GOT MARRIED OVERSEAS... THEN LOST YOUR HUSBAND AND SON...

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SAY...DID YOU TAKE UP FIGHTING TERRORISM...

SO YOU COULD SHOOT THE ONES WHO KILLED THEM?

AH...SORRY!! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED THAT.

SORRY!! PLEASE FORGET ABOUT IT.

AH... THAT'S OKAY. REALLY.

BUT... NOW IT'S DIFFER-ENT?

UH-HUH...I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORGIVING TERROR OR TERRORISTS.

AT FIRST THAT WAS THE REASON...

WITH MY OWN HANDS TO TAKE THE LIFE OF THE ONES WHO HAD ROBBED ME OF HUSBAND AND SON.

BUT WE HAVE TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE WHERE WE CAN...

ERADICATING TERRORISM IS DIFFICULT.

BUT NOW I AM MOTIVATED BY CALMER FEELINGS.

MARIKO ...

WELL I AM A PUBLIC SER-VANT.

YOU CER-TAINLY ARE BUSY.

EXCUSE ME.

THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF STUFF TO CATCH UP ON, BUT RIGHT NOW I HAVE AN URGENT MEETING.

AH...I'M STAYING HERE.

TOMORROW THE POLICE WILL SEND AROUND A CAR. SHOULD IT STOP BY YOUR PARENT'S HOUSE AT DAIKANYAMA?

STEALTH... SO YOU...

NO, NO. THIS IS A STEALTH VISIT.

YOU AREN'T GOING HOME?

SURELY IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

SO PLEASE DON'T TELL MY PARENTS...

NO ONE CAN KNOW THE NATURE OF MY WORK.

AKANE, YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN VERY DISCREET.

...
RHYTHMIC GYMNAS-TICS.

EH? WHICH ONE?

SHE WAS A TOP STUDENT AT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL?

日東株式会社

(SFX) SCREEECH

YOU WERE IN... RHYTHMIC GYMNAS-TICS?

HEY!! LOOK OUT!

UH-HUH

AND WE WERE IN THE SAME CLUB...

WITH THIS DIRT YOU'LL BE TREATING ME FOR THREE YEARS!

はっ!!

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WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!!

日本橋

(SFX) GYAAH HA HA HA HA HA

WHEN I MET HER AT THE AIRPORT...IT WAS SO SUDDEN AND I WAS SO FLUSTERED.

BUT AFTER TALKING WITH HER...IT REALLY BROUGHT BACK OLD TIMES...

EH?

Reputation? Is it bad?!!

YOU MAY KNOW HER FROM OLD TIMES, BUT SHE HAS QUITE A REPUTATION.

KANCHAN... AREN'T THOSE TOP SECRET...?

YOU'D DO WELL TO LOOK THROUGH THE DOCUMENTS WE HAVE ON HER.

SHE HAS MOPPED UP TERRORIST GANGS IN LOCATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

OF ALL THE CAT FEMALE DIVISIONS, HER TEAM IS THE TOP.

HER SUCCESS RATE IS OVER 98%.

SHE OFTEN TAKES ON JOBS FOR THE PENTAGON AND THE CIA.

OF COURSE SHE'S WORKED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA,

BUT SHE'S BASICALLY WORKED IN ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD YOU COULD CALL A POWDER KEG.

THEY CALL HER "MARIE THE ROSE".

COMMANDER ROSEBANK HAS A SCAR IN THE SHAPE OF A ROSE ON HER BREAST.

MARIE... THE ROSE

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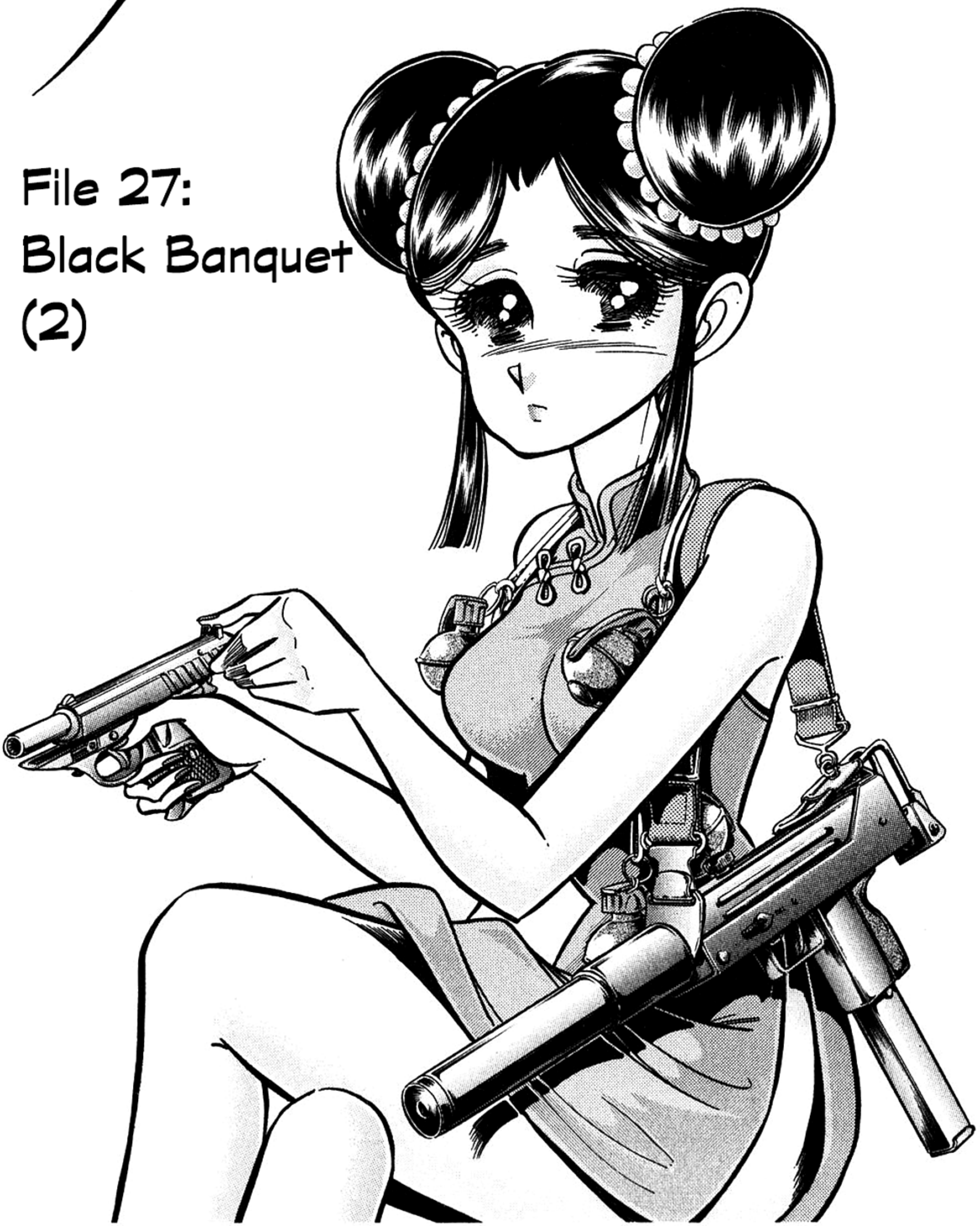

THEY CERTAINLY ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES BEHIND US. ARE THEY GONNA BE OKAY?

I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT THEM.

OUR MEMBERS SHOULD BE GATHERING AT THE SITE.

WORRIED ...?

THE MALE TEAM IS THERE.

WILL THEY LISTEN TO FEMALES?

I HEARD THEY WERE THE BEST ANTI-TERRORISM TEAM IN AMERICA.

AND... IT'S AN ALL-GIRLS REAM.

...DAMN

WE HAVE TO LISTEN AN ANTI-TERRORISM LECTURE NOW?

I WONDER WHAT THE HIGHER-UPS ARE THINKING...

I HEARD THE COMMANDER IS A FRIEND OF KOSAKA'S FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

I WONDER...I HOPE IT'S NOT A WASTE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY...

APPARENTLY SHE'S JAPANESE.

HEY...IF SHE'S A CLASSMATE OF KOSAKA,

THEN SHE'S YOUNGER THAN I AM...?

HAVE YOU GUYS HEARD ANYTHING?

I HAVEN'T...

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OH. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE ARRIVED.

UH-HUH. WE'RE FINALLY HERE.

AHH. ALL THAT CHATTER WORE ME OUT.

GOODNESS WHAT A NICE CABIN.

WOW. IS THIS THE PLACE?

APPA-RENTLY THEY RESERVED IT.

CHIHARU

UH-HUH

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THEY...ARE BARELY MORE THAN CHILDREN...

!

ROGER.

SUGI-MOTO. KAWA-MURA.

LET US TAKE CARE OF YOUR LUGGAGE.

WELCOME. I HOPE YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE FINDING THE PLACE.

PLEASE, DON'T BOTHER.

AH... BUT...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I'VE GOT IT.

BUT YOU ARE OUR INSTRUCTORS...

WE ALL TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN STUFF.

IT'S WORK.

THIS ISN'T A SOCIAL CALL.

KUWATA

I'M IZUMI.

KANNO

I AM THE LEADER OF THE MALE SQUAD.

I'M KOBAYA-KAWA WITH PUBLIC SAFETY.

I'M KAWA-MURA.

SUGI-MOTO

OHNISHI

KOSAKA

MY NAME IS MARIE ROSEBANK,

AND I'M WITH CAT SERVICE DIVISION M.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SPENDING THE WEEK WITH YOU THINKING ABOUT METHODS FOR COUNTERING TERRORISM.

JESSICA CLEARKIN IS IN CHARGE OF DEALING WITH EXPLOSIVES.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

THIS IS MY SECOND IN COMMAND, HELGA MITTELMEIER. SHE DIRECTLY SUPERVISES OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD.

Nǐ HǎO

LIN RYU HI IS IN CHARGE OF HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING AND CHEMICAL AGENTS.

HIYA

IRENE SANDERS IS IN CHARGE OF CLOSE SUPPORT AND SMALL ARMS.

HI

DELILAH KANKKUNEN IS IN CHARGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND SNIPERS.

NOW I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO MOVE STRAIGHT INTO THE LESSONS.

WE HAVE TO CHANGE INTO OUR UNIFORMS...

B- BUT...

THIS A BASIC FACT, BUT TERRORISTS DO NOT CONDUCT THEMSELVES ACCORDING TO OUR TRAINING PLANS.

HUH!?

B- BUT YOU JUST GOT HERE.

I'LL GIVE YOU TEN MINUTES.

NO ONE HAS YET FOUND A TERRORIST THAT WILL WAIT WHILE YOU CHANGE CLOTHES.

YOU DON'T INTEND TO DISCUSS THE TRAINING PLANS?

IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT TERRORISM,

YOU MUST REMAIN FLEXIBLE AT ALL TIMES.

ASSEMBLE READY FOR SHOOTING.

KOSAKA WENT TO GET THEM.

GUNS AND AMMO ARE STORED IN THE CABIN SAFE.

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PUT IT ON THE TABLE.

YOU KEEP IT LOCKED?

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.

THIS IS A SPECIAL SITUATION, SO WE ARE MAKING AN EXCEPTION AND STORING THEM IN THE SAFE HERE.

OF COURSE! THEY REALLY SHOULD BE STORED AT THE LOCAL POLICE STATION.

EVEN IF THEY ARE SPECIALISTS, TO THROW THIS AT US SO SUDDENLY...

IT'S NOTHING TO LAUGH AT.

AH HA HA. HOW FUNNY! KOBAYAKAWA WAS ROLLING HIS EYES.

MARIKO, WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU MAKE EVERYONE YOUR ENEMY ON DAY ONE...?

OH...

WHERE ARE ALL YOUR GUNS?

AKANE, I HEAR WE ARE GOING TO BE USING A CLAY SHOOTING RANGE ABOUT FIVE MINUTES FROM HERE.

UH-HUH...

WE RENTED IT AS WELL.

OKAY, EVERYONE TAKE YOUR OWN GUN.

KOSAKA!!

RESPOND TO OUR INSTRUCTOR WITH LANGUAGE MORE APPROPRIATE THAN "UH-HUH"!

YES SIR!!

MS. ROSEBANK, CIVILIANS IN JAPAN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO POSSESS HANDGUNS.

EVEN WE POLICE OFFICERS MAY NOT HAVE THEM IN OUR POSSESSION WHEN WE ARE OFF DUTY.

WE CAN'T USE THE LOCKER AT THE SHOOTING RANGE?

PLEASE CALL ME MS. KOSAKA.

UM... AKANE.

SO THOUGH IT IS A SHOOTING RANGE, IT IS A CIVILIAN FACILITY. WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE HANDGUNS THERE.

VERY WELL, MS. KOSAKA.

UH-HUH

MARIE

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED.

JAPAN AND THE U.S. ARE JUST TOO DIFFERENT WHEN IT COMES TO THE GUN EXPERIENCE.

I'VE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AKANE SINCE WE WERE ASSIGNED TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

HIROKO OHNISHI IS THE NAME.

PEOPLE CALL ME KANCHAN OR KANKO.

...REMIND ME YOUR NAME?

WOW...

BORN IN ILLINOIS, RAISED IN CHICAGO ...

I GREW UP ABROAD...

YOU SPEAK ENGLISH QUITE WELL.

SO... YOU HAD DAILY EXPERIENCE WITH GUNS?

BUT...IN JAPAN THEY ARE LETHAL WEAPONS.

IN AMERICA, A GUN IS A TOOL.

I ALWAYS CARRIED ONE WITH ME.

AND CONTINUED RIGHT UP TILL I CAME BACK TO JAPAN.

I STARTED SHOOTING WHEN I WAS THREE OR FOUR YEARS OLD.

THAT'S WHY THE DIFFERENCE IN EXPERIENCE WITH TERRORISM

AN ASPECT OF DAILY LIFE IN THE STATES BECAME AN ABERRATION HERE.

IS RATHER LARGE.

HE PUSHES HIS PEOPLE HARD, DOESN'T HE... SHEESH.

MR. KOBAYAKAWA SAYS TO SET UP THE TARGETS.

KAN-CHAN

. . .

信濃シューティングク

. . .

NOPE

I DON'T THINK LECTURES ARE GONNA CUT IT.

HMMM...

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, MARIE?

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO ROUGH THEM UP A LITTLE.

I SUP-
POSE.

THAT'S YOUR FBI TRAINING.

GREAT SHOOTING, MR. KOBAYA-KAWA.

FIVE SHOTS WITHIN THREE CENTIMETERS OF THE TARGET.

YOU TRAINED WITH THE FBI?

I SPENT ABOUT TWO YEARS STUDYING ABROAD WITH INTERPOL.

KUWATA AND KANNO WERE WITH THE LONDON METROPOLITAN POLICE.

YES

WE LEARNED QUITE A LOT ABOUT ANTI-TERRORISM.

COM-MANDER

AH... ARE YOU READY?

!

?

PLEASE TRY IT ON.

OF C- COURSE WE ARE.

I'M SURE YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH BODY ARMOR.

OKAY... LIKE THIS?

IT'S A BIT TIGHT.

IS IT A NEW TYPE?

LIKE THIS!!

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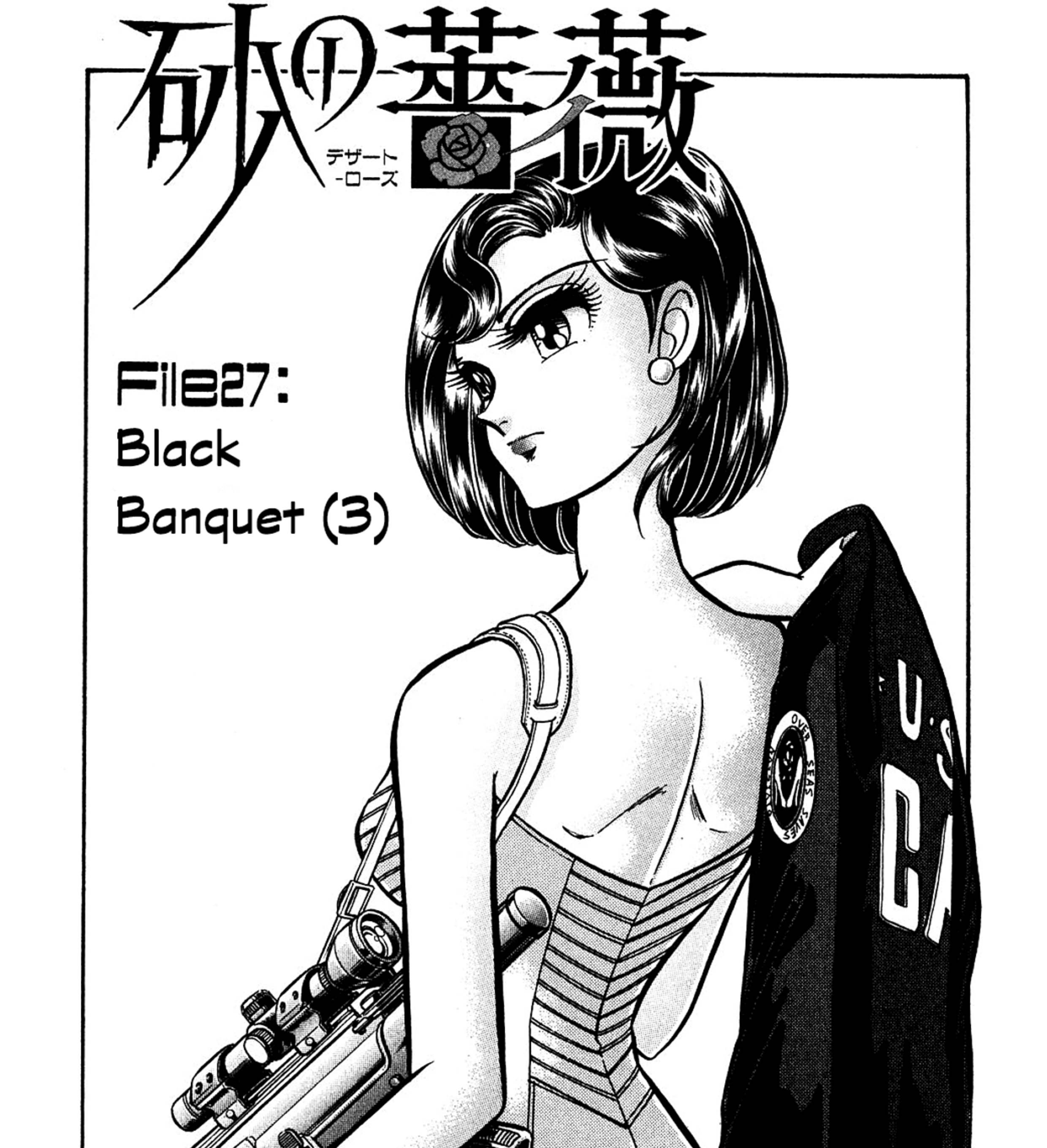

EVERYONE FAILED!! RE-TRAIN-ING FOR ALL!!

THANK GOOD-NESS... NOT EVERY-ONE.

MISS OHNISHI PASSED.

USA CAT

(SFX) SHING

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MARIKO... WHAT ON EARTH ...?

OOF... UH-HUH

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, MR. KOBA-YAKAWA?

THIS SHOULD BE OB-VIOUS.

WHEN YOU HEAR A GUNSHOT, IMMEDIATELY LIE DOWN AND AND ASSUME A RESPONSE POSTURE.

IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE!!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ?!!

THAT ARMOR CAN STOP A 44 MAGNUM EVEN AT THIS SHORT DISTANCE.

SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. NO ONE

OUR RESPONSIBILITY?

KU KU KU... RESPON-SIBLE.

RESPON-SIBLE!?

TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONAL LECTURES ON DEFENDING AGAINST TERRORISM TO PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.

OUR ORDERS ARE

THERE'S NO WAY TO GUARANTEE SAFETY...

B-BUT...

IF THERE ARE ACCIDENTAL DEATHS DURING TRAINING, IT ISN'T OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

IF YOU HAVE COMPLAINTS, ADDRESS THEM TO YOUR SUPERIORS WHO SIGNED THE CONTRACT.

DOUBTLESS YOU CAN FIND THE RELEVANT CLAUSE IN THE CAT CONTRACT.

FIVE HUNDRED SHOTS AT ONE GO. THAT SMARTS.

GAHH! I'M BEAT!

EVERYONE IS TO KEEP THEIR WEAPON UNTIL TO-MORROW.

COLLECT KOSAKA!! ALL THE GUNS INTO THE CASE AND BRING IT TO ME.

AH... ROGER

I HAVE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

WHAT ABOUT OUR COUN-TRY'S LAWS...

WAIT A MINUTE, INSTRUC-TOR.

EH?

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING?!!

ANYONE WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON IS TO BE AT CONDITION ONE.

HAVE LIVE AMMO WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN TAUGHT HOW TO HOLD AND HOW TO STORE YOUR WEAPONS SO THAT THEY WON'T ACCIDENTALLY FIRE.

OR DO JAPANESE POLICE OFFICERS TOSS A WEAPON ASIDE, HAMMER COCKED, LIKE A TAWDRY PIECE OF JUNK?

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TO PREVENT AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

BUT FOR AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON IT MEANS YOU DROP ONE ROUND INTO THE CHAMBER, COCK THE HAMMER, AND THEN ENGAGE THE SAFETY.

A DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER DOESN'T HAVE AN EXTERNAL SAFETY SWITCH, SO CONDITION ONE DOESN'T APPLY TO THEM.

WHAT'S ...CONDITION ONE?

(SFX) KER-CHAK

IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, YOU CAN DISENGAGE THE SAFETY WITH ONE FINGER MOTION AND FIRE.

THAT IS CONDI-TION ONE.

AH... UMM... JUST THINK-ING...

WHAT IS IT?

AKANE I'M TAKING A BATH.

OH, IT'S NOT THAT!!

MAYBE YOUR OLD FRIEND RATHER ENJOYS BEING AN INSTRUCTOR WHOSE ORDERS WE HAVE TO FOLLOW.

I FEEL AS THOUGH I'VE FALLEN INTO A FUNK...

BUT...NOW OUT OF ALL THE U.S. SHE IS THE COMMANDER OF ONLY A FEW ANTI-TERROR TEAMS.

SHE WAS A GOOD AND PROPER LADY...AND EXTREMELY UNFUSSY.

MARIKO... WAS NEVER THAT KIND OF PERSON.

SAY...

SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED!?

...IS WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY...

KANCHAN

WAIT!! YOU'RE TAKING THAT WITH YOU INTO THE BATH?

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THEM AT ALL TIMES.

WELL... WE SHOULD CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION WHILE SOAKING IN A HOT BATH.

COME ON.

APPARENTLY THE BATH HERE IS IN A SEPARATE OUT BUILDING.

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOUR COMMANDER FRIEND WAS IN THE OLD DAYS.

BUT NOW...I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD UNDERESTIMATE HER.

(SFX) KERPLUNK

THOSE?
WE'RE THE ONES WHO NEED TO BE CAREFUL.
BUT WHAT...WHAT ABOUT THESE?
A GOOD SOAK IS THE PERFECT WAY TO END THE DAY.
AHH
THIS FEELS GOOD.
DON'T WORRY.
THE BAGS WILL KEEP THEM DRY UP TO FIVE METERS.
WON'T WATER GET INTO THEM?
NO...
GUARD THE ENTRANCE FROM HERE IN THE BATH.
AH...THEN I'LL COME TOO.
I'M GOING TO SHAMPOO. YOU WAIT HERE, AKANE.

SOMEONE ALWAYS NEEDS TO KEEP A MUZZLE ON THE ENTRANCE FROM WITHIN THE BATHTUB.

WHEN I'M FINISHED, YOU CAN SHAMPOO.

WHILE ONE PERSON DOES SOMETHING THE OTHER WATCHES. THAT'S BASIC STUFF.

WHY DO YOU THINK THEY PUT US ON THE BUDDY SYSTEM?

SHAMPOO

PASS!!

KYAHH!!

DON'T SHOOT!!

AKANE!!

WHETHER LUCKY OR UNLUCKY, I DON'T KNOW. BUT IT DIDN'T REACH MY HEART.

EH!?

OH... YES.

MARIKO... IS THAT...

I GUESS SO.

AH...

ANYWAY...YOU FINALLY CAME BACK TO CALLING ME MARIKO.

...SHEESH...

I PREFER WHEN YOU CALL ME THAT.

SINCE THEIR MOTION SHOOTING ISN'T BAD, MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE THEM DO SOME HOUSE ENTRY OR RAPPELLING?

IF WE DO ALL THAT, THERE WON'T BE TIME FOR BOMB DISPOSAL.

NOR HAND-TO-HAND...

JAPAN... HAS NO MILITARY...

THE JAPAN DEFENSE FORCE... IS NOT ACTUALLY A MILITARY FORCE.

A WEEK JUST ISN'T ENOUGH TIME FOR REAL IMPROVEMENT.

AT A MINIMUM THEY MIGHT BE OKAY IF THEY HAVE MILITARY EXPERIENCE.

UH-HUH...

MARIE

THE BIGGEST ISSUE IS,

NONE OF THEM...

HAS EVER KILLED ANOTHER PERSON...

IF A GUN IS POINTED AT THEM,

PASSIVELY RAISING THEIR HANDS AND IMAGINING THEY WILL NOT BE SHOT...

THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD,

ONLY THE JAPANESE THINK THIS WAY.

WE DON'T NEED THEM.

THE JAPANESE ARE THE MOST CLUELESS IN THE WORLD ABOUT ANYTHING TO DO WITH GUNS.

POLICE LIKE US WOULD PROTECT THEM!!

THEN CRIMINALS WOULD SIMPLY SLAUGHTER THE LAW-ABIDING.

IN AMERICA IT ISN'T JUST A MATTER OF STRENGTHENING GUN CONTROL LAWS...

THEY OUGHT TO DO AS WE DO AND OUTLAW POSSESSION ALTOGETHER.

I...ONCE SHOT AND KILLED SOMEONE.

WHAT !!?

AKANE...

YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON...BUT FUNDAMENTALLY YOU ARE PACIFIST MORON.

!!

KANCHAN... WHAT ON EARTH...

Ouija

I WAS FOURTEEN... WE WERE AT SUMMER CAMP.

THREE OF US GIRLS DECIDED TO GO STAR-GAZING AT THE EDGE OF A LAKE.

ATTACKED AND RAPED US...

A TRIO OF MEN THAT HAD BROKEN INTO THE CAMPGROUND

KYA HA HA. HER EYES ROLLED RIGHT BACK INSIDE HER HEAD.

"I C-CAN'T BREATH" ...HEE HEE HEE

DAMN. I ACCIDENTALLY STRANGLED HER WHILE I WAS FUCKING HER...

WHEN I REALIZED THEY HAD KILLED KATY...

I WAS CARRYING A 32 CALIBER PISTOL IN MY POUCH FOR SELF-DEFENSE... BUT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...I WAS SO TERRIFIED...

...HOWEVER...

SHIT!! FUCKING BRAT!

WITHOUT THAT GUN...THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED ALL THREE OF US...

BUT...IF I HAD USED THE GUN SOONER, KATY WOULD STILL BE ALIVE...

HERE IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD LEARN. WHEN THE TIME COMES TO SHOOT SOMEONE, YOU DON'T HESITATE.

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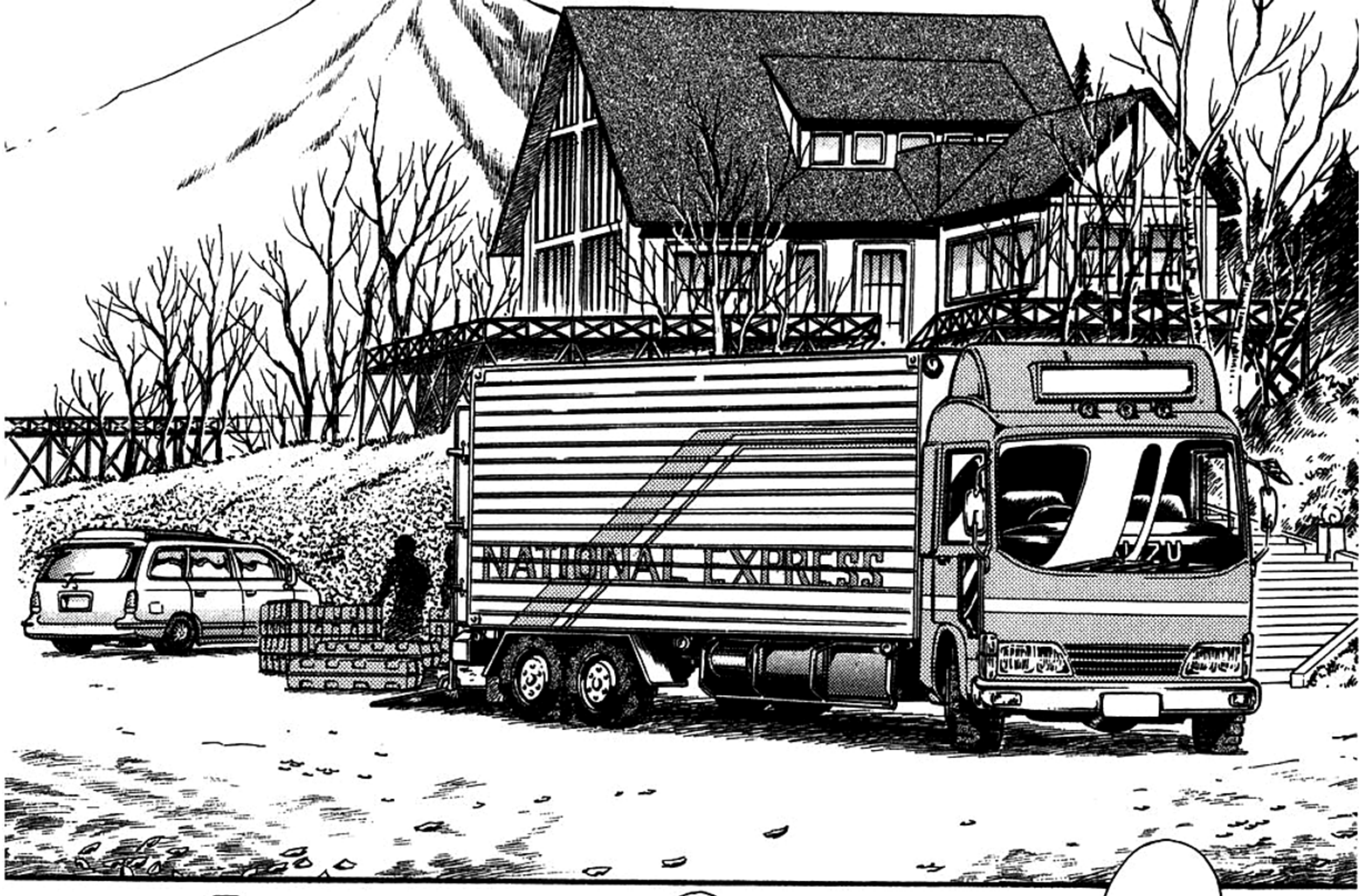

I'VE FINISHED CHECKING THE CONTENTS.

YES

DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF CONTAINERS?

BUT THE CONTRACT IS ONLY FOR A WEEK.

RIGHT NOW WE COULD USE TEN.

WE'RE USING C CONTAINERS?

THERE WERE BARELY ONLY THREE OF THEM.

WELL...WE CAN ONLY DO WHAT WE CAN DO.

LOAD THE CONTAINERS INTO THE CAR AND WE'LL BE OFF.

HEY! DON'T DAWDLE!

THESE GUYS ARE AT THE LEVEL OF MARINE RECRUITS IN BASIC TRAINING. THEY'LL NEED A MINIMUM OF SIX WEEKS.

IT'S TRUE OUR PROGRAM COUNTS AS A WEEK OF CREDIT.

BUT THAT IS THE SHORTEST TIME FOR COMMANDO OR SWAT TROOPS.

ONCE AGAIN, THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING.

IF NECESSARY THEY CAN BUILD AN AIRFIELD OVERNIGHT.
GIVE THE MILITARY THEIR DUE.
WHEN DID THEY ...?
JPD
THIS WASN'T HERE YESTER-DAY...
WHAT'S THIS...?
HUH!?
JPD

WE ARE PRAC-TICING STORMING A HOUSE.

IT IS FOR THIS WE WERE TRAINING YESTER-DAY.

JPD

BODY ARMOR AND GOGGLES.

THOSE WHO NEED FACE GUARDS WEAR A HELMET.

Ja?

JES-
SICA

BODY
ARMOR?
HELMETS?

WH-
WHAT'S
THIS?

JPD

WE ARE
GOING TO BE
EXCHANGING
GUNFIRE WITH
LIVE ROUNDS.

MA-
RIKO

!!

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WE'LL BE
USING BULLETS
MADE FROM
HARD-PACKED
WOOD CHIPS.

BUT EVEN
IF THE GUNS
ARE REAL THE
BULLETS ARE
NOT MADE OF
METAL.

BUT...

THEY BREAK UP WITHIN TWO METERS AFTER TRAVELING OUT OF THE MUZZLE. SO IF THEY HIT YOU, THEY WON'T KILL YOU.

AT POINT BLANK RANGE UNDER TEN CENTIMETERS...

THEY STILL HIT WITH A FORCE SIMILAR TO BEING PUNCHED.

MARIKO!! THIS IS TOO DANGER-OUS!!

WE COULD BE BLINDED IF ONE HITS AN EYE!!

IF THEY HIT BARE SKIN, IT'LL HURT PRETTY BAD.

THEY WILL SHATTER EVEN POLYCARBONATE GOGGLES.

SUMMER

SUMMER

SUMMER

AS FOR REVOLVERS, GUNPOWDER GAS ALSO GUMS THEM UP SO THAT THE CYLINDER WON'T MOVE.

BECAUSE IF YOU TRY TO USE BLANKS IN AN AUTOMATIC YOU LOSE GAS PRESSURE AND THE WEAPON MALFUNCTIONS EASILY.

WE ARE USING WOOD CHIPS

THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!

WE ARE NOT SHOOTING AT BULL'S-EYES BUT RATHER AT LIVE HUMAN BODIES.

TO PRACTICE DECISIVENESS AND COURAGE.

THIS KIND OF TRAINING EXCEEDS WHAT IS ALLOWED UNDER JAPAN'S SWORDS AND FIREARMS CONTROL LAW!!

IN-STRUCTOR ROSE-BANK!! I AM AGAINST IT!!

CRIMINALS ARE CRIMINALS BECAUSE THEY BREAK THE LAW.

WE ARREST ANY LAW BREAKERS AT ONCE AND THEN DETERMINE THE CAUSE SO THAT IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

WE PROTECT THE ORDAINED LAWS OF THE LAND AND PREVENT LAW BREAKERS FROM BREAKING THE LAW.

DO YOU THINK LAW-BREAKERS WILL ONLY ENGAGE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF HOW THE LAW ALLOWS YOU TO TRAIN?

THAT'S JUST SOPHIS-TRY.

EMPTY SLOGANS...

CITIZENS WILL BE KILLED...

YOU CAN'T MAKE A MOVE UNTIL A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED.

WE ARE JAPANESE POLICE OFFICERS!!

WHAT !?

A WASTE OF TIME.

IT'S A VACUOUS ARGUMENT.

THE FIRST THING TO REMEMBER IS NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANOTHER PERSON.

I WAS RAISED IN AMERICA AND CARRIED A WEAPON AS PART OF MY DAILY LIFE THERE.

KAN-CHAN !!

OHNI-SHI

THE NEXT THING TO REMEM-BER

IS WHEN SOMEONE ELSE POINTS A GUN AT YOU,

DO NOT HESITATE TO SHOOT THEM FIRST!!

HUMANS POSSESS GOOD SENSE MORE THAN THEY FOLLOW LAWS.

ANYONE WHO DOESN'T IS A BEAST.

WHAT ABOUT SOMEONE WITHOUT GOOD SENSE?

TO PROTECT YOUR OWN LIFE, DON'T POINT YOUR GUN AT SOMEONE ELSE.

RIGOROUSLY MAINTAINING THESE POLICIES IS GOOD SENSE.

IT'S INSO-LENCE.

A BEAST THAT HARMS YOU SHOULD BE KILLED. EVEN IF IT LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN.

AS FAR AS HUMANS ARE CON-CERNED,

STOP TALKING LIKE THAT!!

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING ONE.

THEN...YOU CAN FOLLOW ALL THE CURRENT LAWS AND BE THE FIRST VICTIM IN A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

THAT'S A DANGEROUS WAY OF THINKING FOR A POLICE OFFICER.

WE AT CAT ARE SPECIALISTS IN COUNTER-TERRORISM.

WE CAN CONTINUE THE DEBATE AT OUR MEETING AFTER SUPPER TONIGHT.

THE TIME FOR TALKING IS OVER.

TO THAT END WE WILL NOT FAIL.

WE BOTH SHARE THE SAME MISSION, WHICH IS TO PROTECT THE LIVES AND PROPERTY OF CITIZENS.

OUR SITUATION IS QUITE DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF POLICE OFFICERS WHO PRESERVE THE PEACE AND INVESTIGATE CRIME.

HOW-EVER...

WE DO NOT FORGIVE MURDER.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET IT!!

AND NOW WE BEGIN.

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KEEP MOVING AT ALL TIMES!!

WHILE CON-TINU-ING TO SHOOT!!

IF YOU STOP, YOU WILL BE SHOT!!

HYAH !!

KYAHH !!

EXIT THE HOUSE AND AWAIT ORDERS!!

IF YOU ARE HIT BY THREE OR MORE BULLETS, YOU ARE DEAD.

AHH!!

I BELIEVE YOU WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO TOSS THE SHELLS ONTO THE FLOOR WHEN EXCHANGING THE MAGAZINE.

AHH !!

WAHH !!

(SFX) TWEEET

LO LO

TEN MINUTE REST!!

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?...BUT WHAT?

I MAY BE OVERTHINKING IT...

NO...

WOW... THIS IS AMAZING...

IT'S REALLY SOME-THING...

YOU'RE FINE!! YOU'LL HEAL IN NO TIME.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! I'M IN PAIN.

YOU MUST BE HAVING FUN.

WELL, AKANE?

JUST THREE SHOTS...

SHOT ME ABOUT A HUNDRED TIMES.

THE SCARY-LOOKING GERMAN WITH THE LONG HAIR

AH...IT'S TURNING RED.

WHERE WERE YOU SHOT?

SHE'S PRETTY GOOD, BUT...

THANKS TO MISS OHNISHI.

GOODNESS... ARE YOU DEAD, HELGA?

OH... YOU'RE HERE?

BUT IRENE AS WELL?

NOT JUST HELGA,

EHH?

SHE FIRED ALL HER ROUNDS.

MISS OHNISHI SAID IT HERSELF. WE SHOULDN'T UNDER-ESTIMATE HER.

SHEESH... I GUESS YOUR HEARTS WEREN'T IN IT.

NO...IT WASN'T THAT.

SHE ONLY HAD... FIVE SHOTS?

ALL HER ROUNDS? SHE WAS USING A BODYGUARD 38.

UH-HUH. I THINK SO TOO.

YOU MAY NOT AGREE, BUT I THINK SHE IS THE ONE WHO COULD PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

IN CAT TRAINING SCHOOL I THINK SHE WOULD BE RATED A CLASS.

MARIKO!! IT'S TERRIBLE!!

WHAT'S GOING ON? I HEAR A RUCKUS.

EVEN THOUGH FIFTEEN OF THEM WERE KILLED, INCLUDING THE BOSS, THEY MANAGED TO TAKE A CHILD AS HOSTAGE...

ACCORDING TO EYE-WITNESSES IT IS A TRIO OF FOREIGNERS.

THE ESCAPED PERPETRATORS ARE CARRYING RIFLES AND HANDGUNS.

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NO...THE PREFECTURAL RIOT POLICE HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED ALL-OUT FOR THE MOUNTAIN HUNT.

THERE IS NO NEED TO TROUBLE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE...

AND YOU NEED OUR HELP?

THE WITNESSES SAY THEY ESCAPED INTO A MOUNTAINOUS REGION, SO WE'VE SECURED THE PERIMETER AND INTEND TO HUNT THEM TOMORROW MORNING...

CHIEF

I AM SHIMOYAMA, CHIEF OF SECTION ONE OF THE PREFECTURAL POLICE.

I'M SORRY FOR THIS FOUL-UP.

AS YOU HAVE HEARD, THE PERPETRATORS ARE ARMED.

I HEARD THEY TOOK A CHILD AS HOSTAGE WITH THEM.

HAVE YOU ASCERTAINED THE CHILD'S WELL-BEING?

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK OF YOU IS THIS.

YOU ARE CURRENTLY TRAINING WITH GUNS AND EXPLOSIVES, AND WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO PLACE THEM IN OUR CARE...

OUTSIDE CHANCE?

THIS IS JUST...ON THE OUTSIDE CHANCE...

AH... THAT IS...

!

YOU OFFICERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY HAVE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO HANDLE WEAPONS, AND WE DON'T DISPUTE THAT.

THAT'S THE TYPE TERRORISTS ARE LIKELY TO USE AFTER ALL...

WE HAVE HEARD THAT YOU ARE TRAINING WITH MACHINE GUNS AND LARGE CALIBER WEAPONS...

IF...SOMEHOW... THE WEAPONS HERE WERE TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE PERPETRATORS...

IT COULD LEAD TO FURTHER INJURIES.

SO...IF WE ARE NO LONGER ARMED, WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO IF THE PERPETRATORS TURN UP HERE?

AS SOON AS WE ARREST THE PERPETRATORS WE WILL RETURN BOTH GUNS AND AMMUNITION TO YOU.

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND.

WE CAN BE HERE IN UNDER FIVE MINUTES.

OF COURSE YOU SHOULD CONTACT US AT ONCE.

DO YOU HAVE MARBLES FOR BRAINS?

OH- NISHI!!

KAN- CHAN!!

GRAB SOME LUNCH, AND TAKE A NAP.

IN FIVE MINUTES THEY CAN KILL EVERYONE, OFFER UP A PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED,

(SFX) CLAP CLAP CLAP

YOU ARE OHNISHI!! OUT OF BOUNDS!

EH?

UMM... WELL...

WHAT DID SHE SAY?

WHO ARE THESE PEO- PLE?

THEN... WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THEIR WEAPONS AS WELL.

I SEE...

THEY ARE OUR IN-STRUC-TORS.

THIS IS THE COUNTER-TERRORISM TEAM FROM AMERICA.

THE COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN TEAM.

WHO IS SHE?

I BELIEVE YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS MR. SHIMOYAMA...

CAN I COUNT ON YOUR COOPER-ATION?

THANK GOOD-NESS...

IT SEEMS YOU SPEAK JAPANESE.

I'M AFRAID...THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION.

HAVE YOU ASCERTAINED THE WELL-BEING OF THE KIDNAPPED CHILD?

BEFORE I AGREE TO THAT, WILL YOU ANSWER MY QUESTION?

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HEL-
GA!!

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IF YOU CONTINUE TO MAKE LIGHT OF US,

I'LL OPEN HOLE IN YOUR SKULL!!

DETONICS 45
COMBAT MASTER

HEY!!

THAT'S ATTEMPTED MURDER AND THREATENING AN OFFICER... ARREST HER UNDER THE FIREARMS ACT!!

MARIKO, YOU CAN'T!!

think of our department's reputation...!

H- HEY. STOP THAT!!

AH

CHAK

KER-CHAK

THIS IS YOUR LAST WARNING. IF YOU DON'T ANSWER MY QUESTION, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE INTERFERED IN AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION UNDER THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY.

IF I DETERMINE YOU ARE A SPY, I CAN EXECUTE YOU ON THE SPOT!!

UH

TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO A POLICE OFFICER IS ENOUGH TO PUT YOU AWAY!!

U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY!! WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!!?

HAVE YOU PRESENTED YOUR IDEN-TIFICATION?

THERE IS NO PROOF YOU ARE A POLICE OFFICER.

W-WELL, THAT'S ...

THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHILD!!

ANSWER MY QUESTION!!

WE THINK THE CHILD IS UNHARMED...

B-BUT...THEY TOOK THE CHILD SO THAT THE OTHER GANG MEMBERS COULD ESCAPE.

DAMN...WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO!

THE ESCAPEES HAVE HOLED UP INSIDE A NEARBY CLAY SHOOTING RANGE!!

CH- CHIEF!! MORE NEWS...

THE PERSONAL... VEHICLE OF THE BOSS THAT WAS KILLED...I THINK IT WAS A BENZ.

WHAT TYPE OF VEHICLE DID THE PERPS ESCAPE IN?

WHAT!!

Lin...you mustn't kill him!!

THEY SAY THEY WILL KILL THE CHILD IF WE DON'T COMPLY!!

THEY ARE DEMANDING A CHOPPER FOR THEIR ESCAPE.

COM- MAN- DER!!

MARIE

THAT'S WHERE WE ARE TRAINING.

A CLAY SHOOTING RANGE...

IS EVERYONE READY?

OKAY, COMMAN-DER!!

PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM!!

THIS IS THE FINAL TEST!!

DIVISION M!! GET SET!!

HURRY !!

CALL FOR BACKUP!!

H- H- HOLY CRAP!!

SKYLINE

SKYLINE

AH... HMPH...

INSPECTOR... THESE ARE THE ONES FROM PUBLIC SAFETY...

WHAT'S THE SITUA-TION!?

.....

WHY THE HELL THERE IS A HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE OF A SHOOTING RANGE...I HAVE NO IDEA.

THE PERPS WENT INTO THE OFFICE FIRST...BUT NOW... THEY ARE IN THAT HOUSE.

WH- WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!?

THEY SAY THEY ARE USED TO FLYING CHOPPERS AND NOT TO TRY ANYTHING FUNNY.

INDEED.

WE HEARD THEY HAVE DEMANDED A CHOPPER.

FALL IN!!

SO...WHEN WILL IT ARRIVE?

IN...ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES...

THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED MILITARY TRAINING. I THINK WE CAN ALSO GUESS THAT SOME OF THEM PROBABLY HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

WE CAN INFER FROM THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PERPETRATORS CARRIED OUT THEIR SURPRISE ATTACK AND THE FACT THEY KNOW HOW TO PILOT A CHOPPER AT NIGHT

AS YOU HAVE JUST HEARD,

MARIKO...

W- WE CAN'T GET INVOLVED IN THIS...

MAYBE THEY FOUGHT IN THE GULF WAR...

FROM THE WAY THEY USED GRENADES DURING THE SURPRISE ATTACK, I'D SAY THEY WERE MARINES.

AKANE...

NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, INSIDE THAT HOUSE IS A CHILD EXPOSED TO DANGER.

BUT WHEN WE CAN DO SOMETHING, WE DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE!!

I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE INS AND OUTS OF TURF IN THE JAPANESE POLICE FORCES.

B- BUT...

WE CANNOT LOOK THE OTHER WAY.

AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE ABILITY AND EQUIPMENT TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION,

OUR FORM OF JUSTICE.

THAT IS...

MARIKO ... CHAN...

MARIKO-CHAN... YOU SPRAINED YOUR ANKLE... YOU CAN'T...

THE SPRAIN ISN'T YOUR FAULT. THE GYM ATTENDANT PULLED THE LADDER...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

THE SWELLING HAS GONE DOWN. I'LL BE FINE. I WOULDN'T WANT TO LET DOWN THE FANS.

IT'S MY LAST COMPETITION IN HIGH SCHOOL.

WHEN I CAN DO SOMETHING, I DO WHAT HAS TO BE DONE!!

THAT'S ALL.

MARIKO... YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED...

Ooo.

EVEN IF I FALL, I'LL LAUGH IT OFF.

Don't tell me your butt will need healing too...

all better!!

FINE, MARIKO!

I'LL BACK YOU UP!!

THANK YOU. THAT MEANS SO MUCH TO ME.

AKANE

PROBABLY... THE TWO IN BACK ARE A PERPETRATOR AND THE HOSTAGE.

THERE ARE TWO IN THE BACK LIVING ROOM.

ONE IN EACH OF THE FRONT ROOMS.

COM-MAN-DER!!

WE HAVE TO CONTROL ALL THREE ROOMS AT ONCE.

WE'LL SPLIT INTO THREE TEAMS.

(window) kitchen lavatory (A) (window) hall (B) (C) sofa table sofa window entrance (window)

THE SITUATION IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

BASED ON RESULTS FROM THE SOUND COLLECTOR AND INFRARED DETECTOR

THE WOMEN OF PUBLIC SAFETY WILL TAKE ROOM B.

THE MEN OF PUBLIC SAFETY WILL TAKE ROOM A.

THE PROGRAM IS DYNAMIC ENTRY.

THE OPERATION IS HOUSE TACTICAL.

CAT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROOM C IN THE BACK.

FOR EACH SECOND AFTER THAT, THE RISK TO THE LIFE OF THE HOSTAGE INCREASES BY 50%.

YOU HAVE FIVE SECONDS TO CONTROL YOUR ROOM.

KANCHAN

WHICH MEANS THE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM IS SEVEN SECONDS...

!

H- HEY!! YOU CAN'T JUST GO IN THERE...

(SFX) ZZZ

(SFX) POP POP POP

WAHH

WH- WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS!?

(SFX) FLASH

EH... AH...?

IN-SPEC-TOR...

READY!!

GO!!

(SFX) FOOM

(SFX) FLASH

AYE!

HERE WE GO, LIN!!

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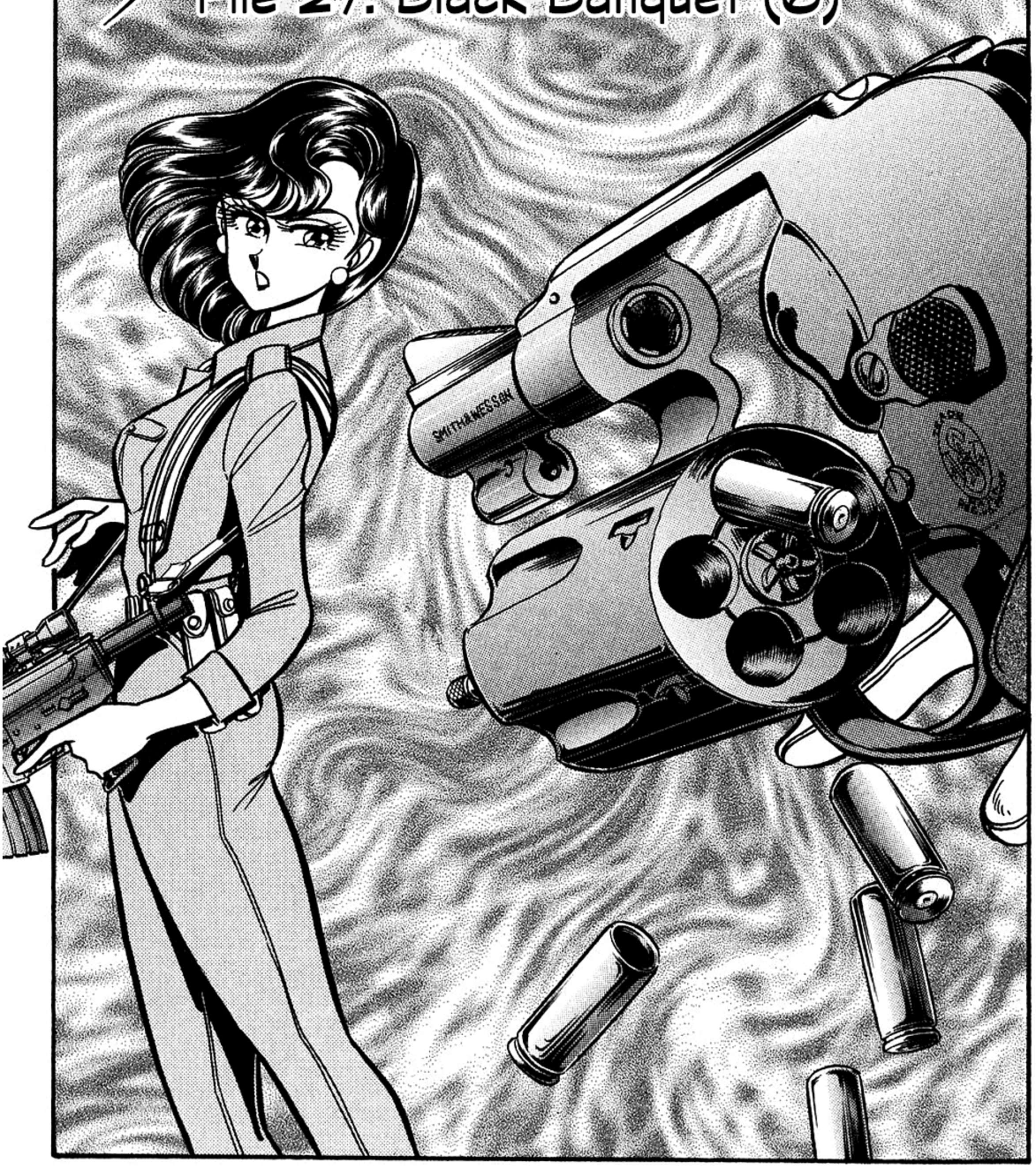
File 27: Black Banquet (6)



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KAN-
CHAN!!

BACK
UP!!

FRE
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TSK!!

KAN-
CHAN
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NO
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NO!! KAWA-MURA!!

SHE GOT HIM.

AHH!!

SUGI-MOTO!!

GET BACK!!

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LIN!! THE CHILD!!

COM-
MAN-
DER!!

LIN!!

COM-
MAN-
DER!!

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WA
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H!!

MARIE!!

HE'S WEARING BODY ARMOR!!

GAH!!

KYA HH!!

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MARI-
KO!!

AIM... FOR HIS HEAD !!

AKANE!! HE'S WEARING BODY ARMOR!!

AKANE...DON'T HESITATE...

JPI

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MARIE

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MAN-
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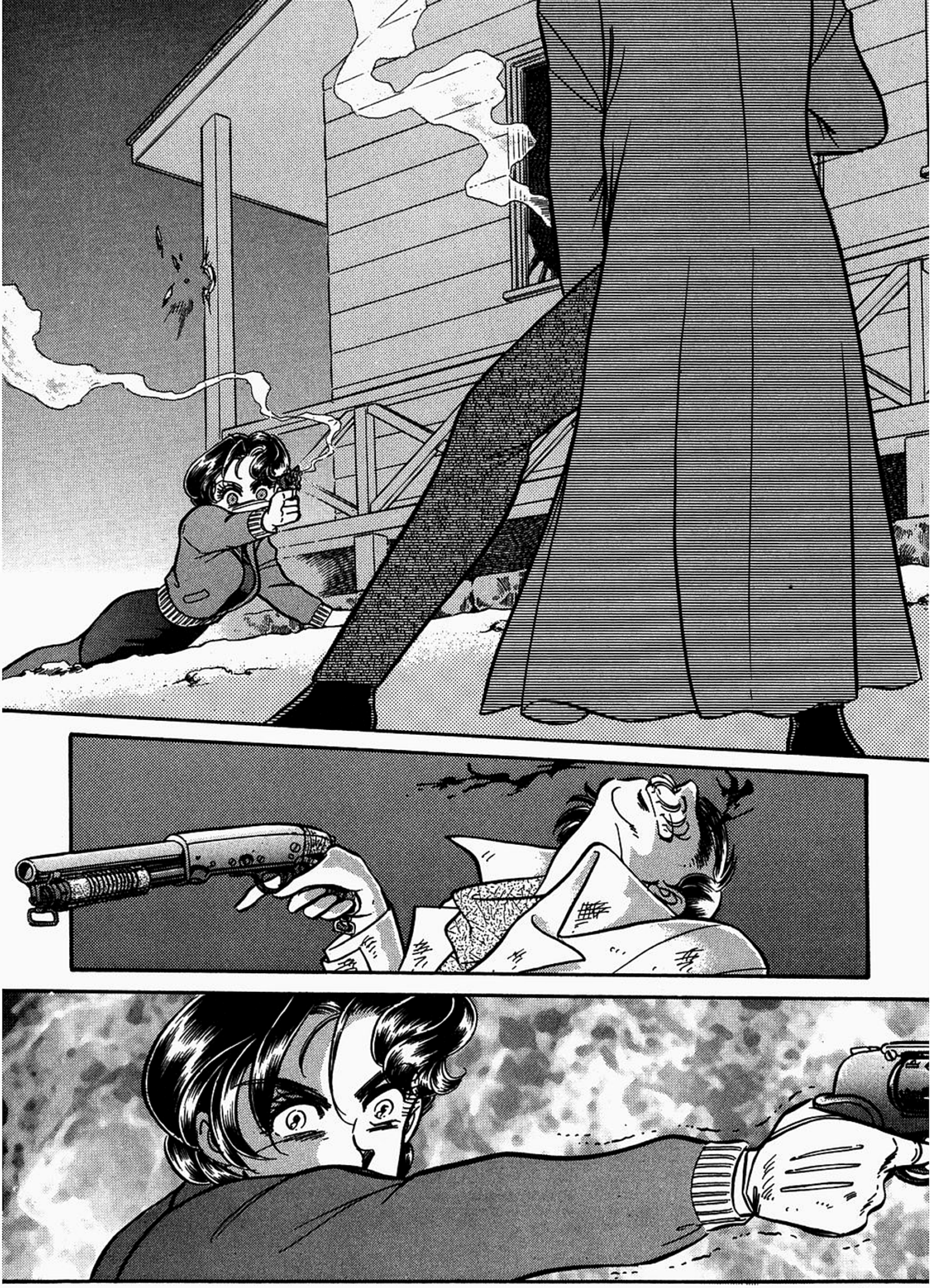

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WITHOUT THE SPINAL PAD, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE BROKEN MY SPINE.

A SHOTGUN SLUG AT POINT PLANK RANGE PACKS A WALLOP.

EVEN WEARING BODY ARMOR,

HAVE YOU FINISHED PACKING? IS YOUR BACK OKAY?

...TRUE

YOU SAVED THE HOSTAGE...AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS SUFFERED ONLY SLIGHT INJURIES. ALL IN ALL IT WENT PRETTY WELL.

UH-HUH

I HEARD SHE KEPT PULLING THE TRIGGER AFTER IT WAS ALL OVER...

THE ONLY ONE I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT WAS MISS OHNISHI.

(SFX) KACHAK KACHAK

INDEED

BUT IT MAY INDICATE A PAST TRAUMA THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

IT'S FINE IF SHE SOMETIMES GOES TRIGGER-HAPPY...

(SFX) RRRING

BRRR--

THEN... AMERICA HERE WE COME!

THE CAR IS HERE TO PICK US UP. EVERYONE ELSE IS WAITING IN THE LOBBY.

UH-HUH. WE'LL BE THERE IN A SECOND.

AKANE!!

GOOD-NESS

YESTERDAY KANCHAN SUBMITTED HER RESIGNATION, AND IT WAS ACCEPTED.

SHE SAYS SHE'S RETURN-ING TO AMERICA ...

AKANE...

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I ALSO WROTE A LETTER OF RESIGNATION...

BUT...IF I QUIT BECAUSE OF THAT BITTERNESS, IT JUST MEANS SOMEONE ELSE WILL HAVE TO TAKE UP THE WORK IN MY PLACE.

IT'S BECAUSE NO MATTER THE REASON, TAKING SOMEONE'S LIFE IS A BITTER FEELING.

I REALIZED WHEN YOU WERE SHOT WHILE PROTECTING THE CHILD...

THE BITTERNESS FELT BY AN INNOCENT PERSON FORCED TO MAKE A SACRIFICE MUST BE FAR WORSE THAT YOUR OWN.

AS FAR AS YOU ARE CON-CERNED...

(SFX) NOD

CAN'T TURN THE LAST WINTER OLYMPICS OF THE CENTURY INTO A BLACK BANQUET...

AND DO MY BEST TO BE CERTAIN THAT THE TERRORISTS

SO I'M GOING TO KEEP WORKING AT IT.

UNITED AIRLINES

THE OLYMPIC FLAME HAS NOW ARRIVED.

IGNITED BY THE SUN IN FAR-AWAY GREECE, THE FLAME HAS CROSSED THE OCEAN AND IS NOW ON THE SHORES OF JAPAN.

IT IS NOW BEING CARRIED TO NAGANO, THE SITE OF THE LAST SNOW-WHITE BANQUET THIS CENTURY,

AND THERE IT WILL REMAIN THROUGH-OUT THE OLYMPICS...

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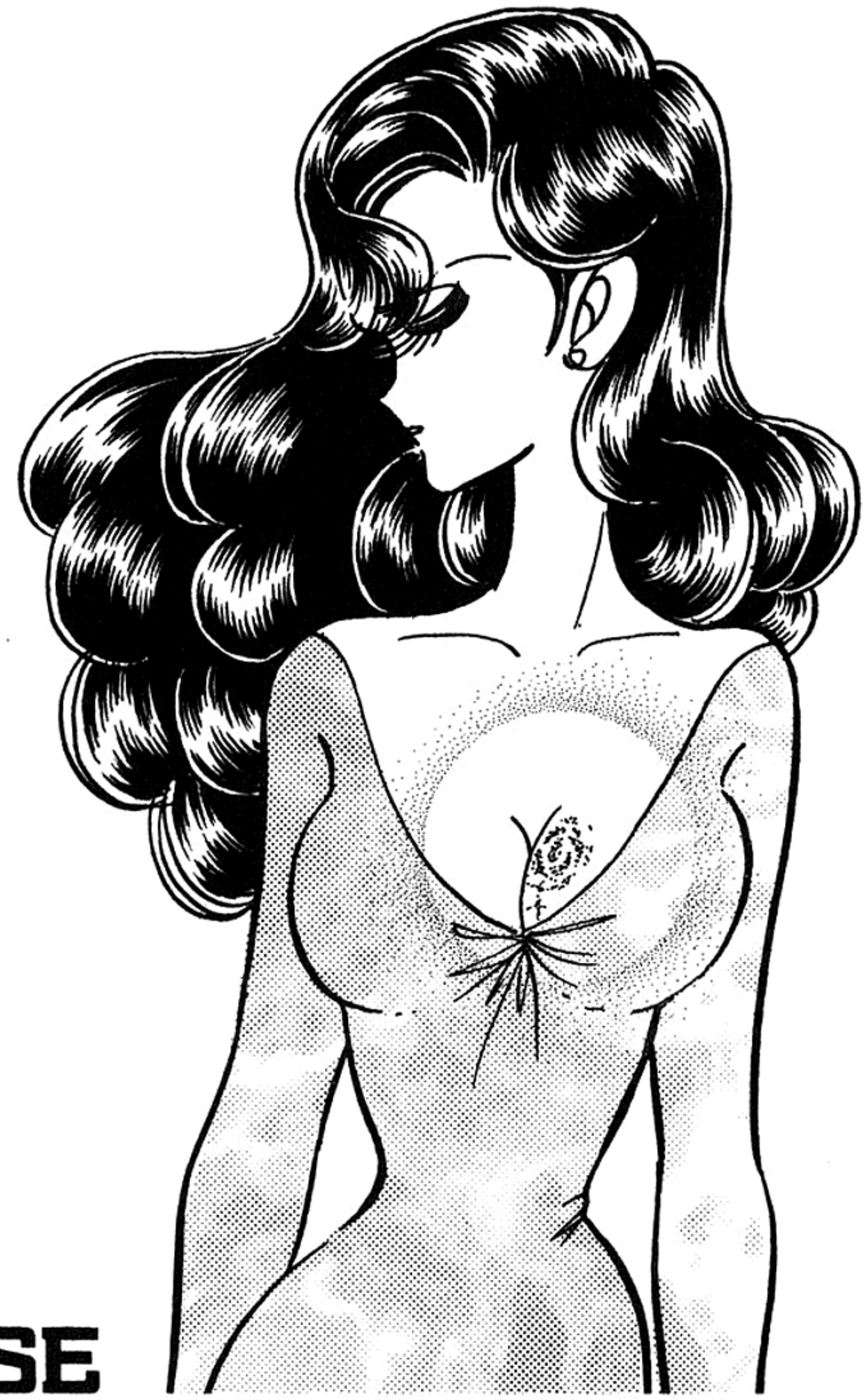
File 28: Forever Rose (1)



DESERT-ROSE

GEH

BLACK TALON

WINCHESTER Hastorn
50 CENTER FIER
PISTOL-REVOLVER
CARTRIDGES

38 Special

HIENEKEN LAGER BEER

45 AUTO
PMC 45A
45 AUTO

I WAS THE FOOL FOR ASKING.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DELAHHH. THERE'S NOTHING IN YOUR FRIDGE BUT AMMO AND BOOZE.

THERE'S NO ROOM FOR ANYTHING ELSE.

TO BUY SOMETHING EDIBLE.

WHEN'S THE COMMANDER GETTING BACK?

CENTRAL STORE

THEN WE SHOULD GET STUFF FOR A SPECIAL FEAST TO CELEBRATE HER RETURN.

TODAY WE CAN HAVE WHATEVER.

ACCORDING TO WHAT I HEARD, SHE'LL BE BACK HERE THIS WEEKEND.

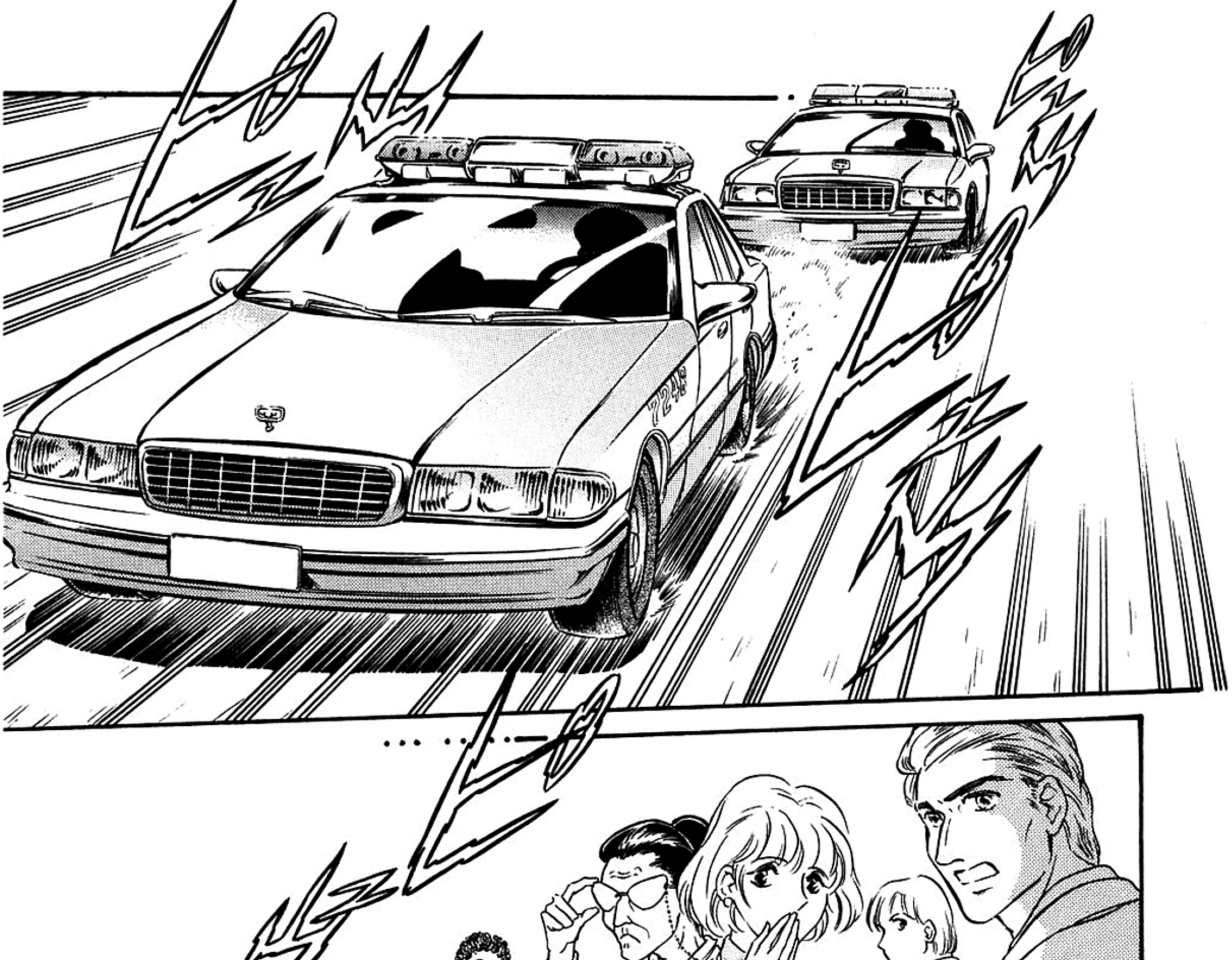
HURRY UP AND FINISH!

YOU TAKE TOO LONG SHOPPING!

I'D LIKE TO GET SOME FRESH VEGETABLES.

WH- WHATEVER!?

LET'S GO! LET'S GO!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CITY POLICE
S.W.A.T.
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S.W.A.T.
THAT'S THE SPECIAL SWAT VAN...

WH-WHAT'S THAT ABOUT?

Volunteer Week

PARTY

UH-HUH

THE COPS ARE SWARMING LIKE FLIES, ARTIE.

NOOO!! DON'T KILL US!!

THESE PUPPETS WHOSE SOULS WERE SUCKED OUT BY ALIENS...

WE HAVE TO SAVE THIS PLANET

FROM THE ONES WITH GREEN BLOOD.

GO ON TO WHERE YOUR FRIENDS ARE

AND TELL THEM ABOUT US.

DON'T LET THEM COME THIS WAY! GUIDE THEM TO THE LEFT WHERE WE HAVE SHIELDING.

TWO SCHOOL GIRLS ARE BREAKING OUT.

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LEFT!! RUN LEFT!!

H-HELP!!

HII

THE POLICE CHIEF AND THE MAYOR ARE NEGO-TIATING.

TELL THEM TO HOLD THEIR FIRE.

SQUAD LEADER!!

THE SWAT SHOOTERS ARE IN POSITION.

SQUAD LEADER!!

IT'S THE POLICE CHIEF.

TELL THE TELEVISION PEOPLE TO GET BACK AND GET DOWN!!

THIS THING IS NOT GOING TO END WITH JUST A SWAT ON THE BEHIND.

EVEN IF THEY ARE CHILDREN... WE'RE AT THE LIMIT.

CHIEF... IT'S NOT A QUESTION OF PERSUASION HERE. WE'VE GOT A MOUNTAIN OF BODIES...

THEY GOT COOKIE FROM SQUAD SIX. TWO SCHOOL GIRLS WERE ALSO KILLED.

FIRE!!

PROVIDE COVER!!

FUCKING VERMIN...

KRRRR

THIS AFTERNOON THERE WAS A MASS SHOOTING AT SAINT GEORGE HIGH SCHOOL.

...

UNDERSTOOD... I'LL TALK TO THE MAYOR...

THE SHOOTERS ARE IN PLACE.

WE NEED PER-MIS-SION...

THE INCIDENT COMES JUST AS CONCERNS WERE BEING RAISED ABOUT GUNS ON CAMPUS, SO THE SHOCK TO EDUCATORS CANNOT BE OVERSTATED.

THE PERPETRATORS WERE TWO MALE STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL. TWENTY-THREE WERE KILLED AND SIXTEEN INJURED.

CITIZENS GROUPS ARE PROTESTING THE KILLING OF THE TWO YOUNG MALE PERPETRATORS BY POLICE AS THEY STORMED THE BUILDING.

I SUPPOSE IT'S FRUSTRATION WITH URBAN LIFE OR SOMETHING.

THEY SAID THE TWO BOYS HAD BEEN COMPLETELY NORMAL.

IT WAS AMAZING. THERE WERE SO MANY POLICE CARS.

...DAMN. THIS KIND OF INCIDENT REALLY GETS ME DOWN.

SURELY NOT. YOU MEAN...?

HEL-GA!!

FRUS-TRATION...

OR MAYBE THEY WERE SEEING GREEN BLOOD ...

I THINK CAT INTELLIGENCE MAY ALREADY BE INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT...

WHEN MARIE GETS BACK FROM EUROPE, WE'LL PROBABLY GET THE DETAILS.

IT COULD BE THE WORST... CHEMICAL TERRORISM ...

BERETTA

WILL THERE BE A BONUS?

I INTEND TO APPLY FOR ONE.

I NEVER EXPECTED TO BE CALLED INTO AN OPERATION JUST ON THE POINT OF DEPARTURE.

THEY'RE INSIDE THE TARGET.

SORRY ABOUT THAT. WE'RE SHORT-HANDED HERE.

THE LIGHTS ARE ON.

WOAH...WE'RE FIGHTING ALONGSIDE MARIE THE ROSE.

YOU GUYS USED TO BE IN THE SAME DIVISION?

SHEESH ...YOU'RE IN A GOOD MOOD.

THEN, LET'S DO THIS.

JAA

JAA

LET'S GO!

YOU CAN ASK HER ALL ABOUT IT AFTER WE FINISH THIS MISSION.

(SFX) KNOCK

GET DOWN!!

EH?

ALWAYS OVER-THE-TOP CRAZY.

THERE SHE GOES.

AMPHE-TAMINES AND COCAINE ARE UPPERS.

HEROINE AND MESCALINE ARE DOWNERS.

YOU CAN BASICALLY DIVIDE DRUGS INTO UPPERS AND DOWNERS.

AT FIRST IT AFFECTS YOU LIKE A DOWNER.

THEN... IT'S AN UPPER, BUT A REALLY VIOLENT UPPER.

IT HAS PROPERTIES OF BOTH.

BUT THIS IS A NEW TYPE.

EVERYTHING LOOKS GREEN...

AND ANOTHER PROPERTY IS THIS...

HENCE... GREEN BLOOD...

DRUGS ENTER EUROPE EITHER PASSING THROUGH CHINA AND RUSSIA OR ALONG A ROUTE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST THROUGH TURKEY.

FRANCE

ITALY.

ROME

SPAIN

THIS IS HERI-OINE.

ALGERIA

IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A NEWCOMER TO BREAK IN SUDDENLY.

IN ANY EVENT, THE SYNDICATE MANAGES IT CLOSELY.

COCAINE COMES FROM CENTRAL AMERICA THROUGH SPAIN. IN ENGLAND IT IS PROCESSED INTO CRACK AND GOES BACK INTO HOLLAND.

INDEED... AND THE ESTA-BLISHED PLAYERS ARE IN AN UPROAR...

BUT NOW WE'RE SEEING A NEW TYPE OUT OF THE BLUE...

THE EUROPEAN DRUG DEALERS WON'T TOUCH THIS STUFF, AND I IMAGINE AMERICAN DEALERS ARE THE SAME.

...I GUESS.

I GUESS THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE HIDEOUT TODAY WAS LEAKED BY ONE OF THEM.

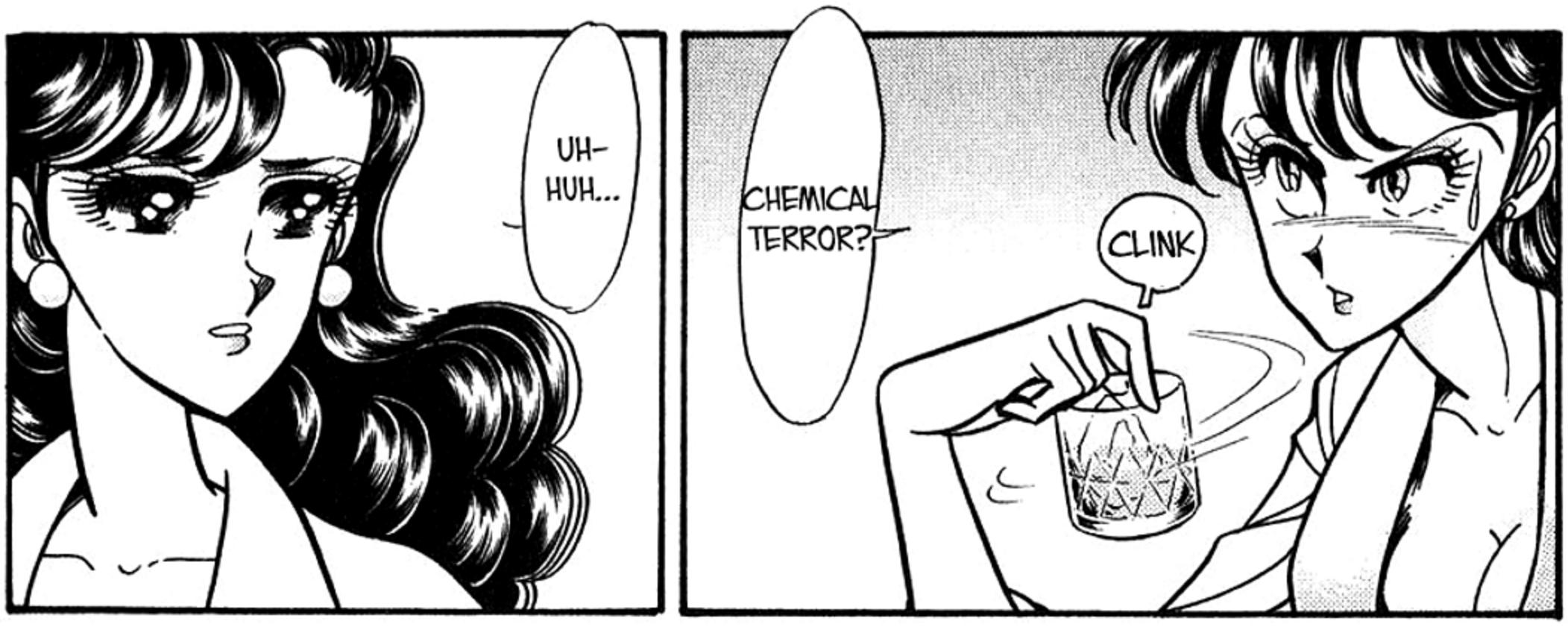
BUT SOMETHING THAT SENDS A USER FLYING OFF GOD KNOWS WHERE AFTER ONE HIT...THAT'S NUTS.

THE PROFIT IN DRUGS COMES FROM GETTING USERS HOOKED ON THEM SO THAT THEY KEEP PAYING FOR THEM UNTIL THEY ARE RUINED.

THEY DON'T CALL THAT A DRUG. THEY CALL IT POISON...

AND IN THE HANDS OF A TERRORIST...A FORMIDABLE WEAPON.

INDEED... IT IS POISON...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HUH...
CHEMICAL
TERROR?
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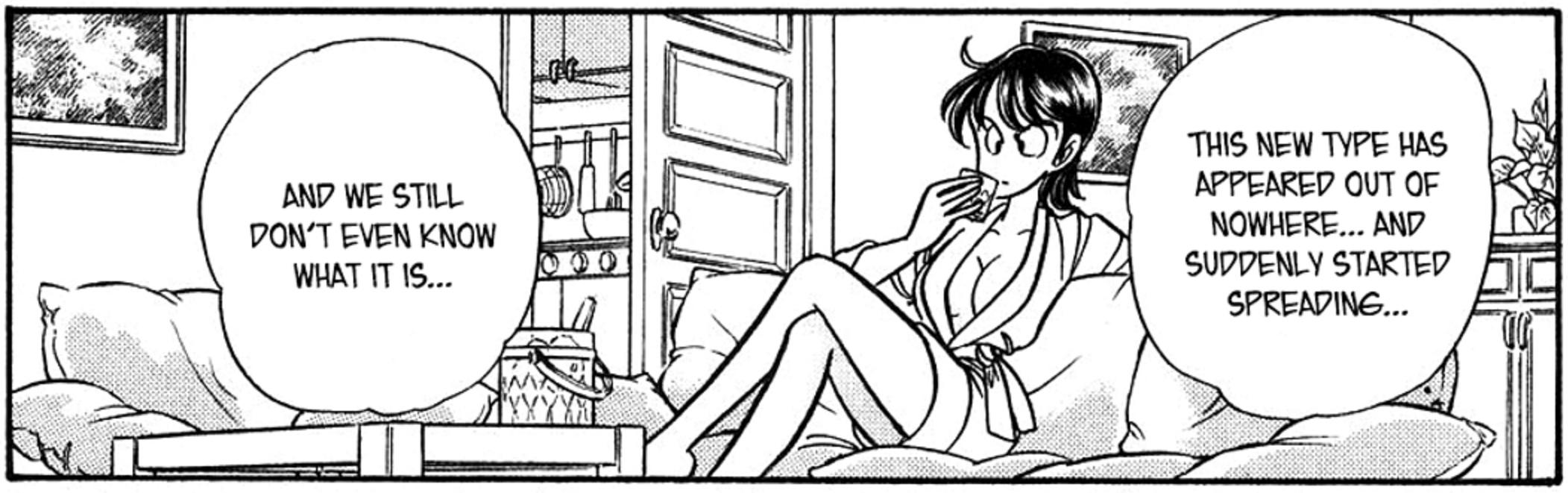
AND WE STILL
DON'T EVEN KNOW
WHAT IT IS...
THIS NEW TYPE HAS
APPEARED OUT OF
NOWHERE... AND
SUDDENLY STARTED
SPREADING...

WE CAME HERE
TO OPPOSE THE
APPROACHING
DESTRUCTION
OF THE DEVIL'S
GREEN BLOOD.
AND WE
WILL DO
ANYTHING...
TO FIGHT
IT...

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LOVA-BLE, I KNOW.

BUT... TO GO STRAIGHT TO A HAND GRENADE... USUALLY YOU'RE SO

GOOD WORK!

IT THOUGHT IT MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE WHILE, BUT THAT WAS QUICK WORK.

WELL... YOU KNOW.

AH HA HA...

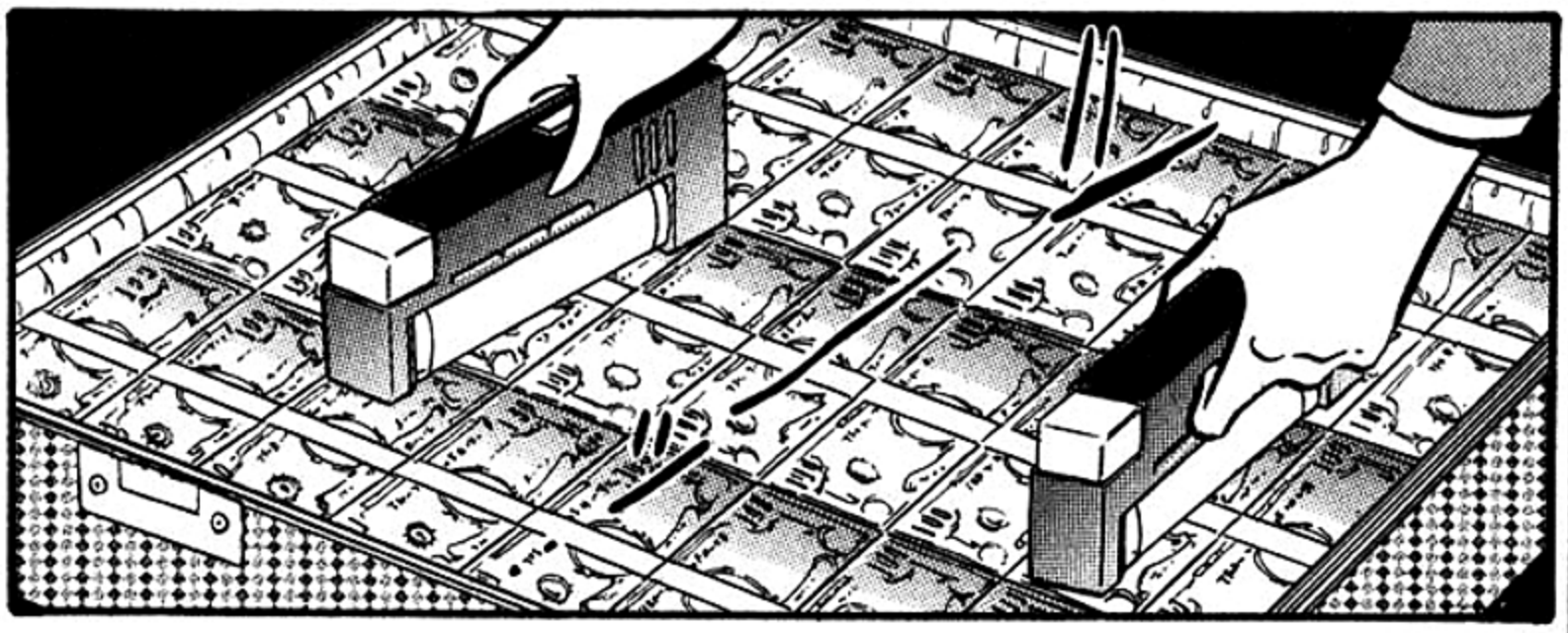
HAVE YOU LEARNED THE AMERICAN WAY?

GIVEN A HIDEOUT LIKE THIS.

BUT WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE INVESTIGATE.

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY WERE TAKING IT ALL THE WAY TO THE FINISHED PRODUCT.

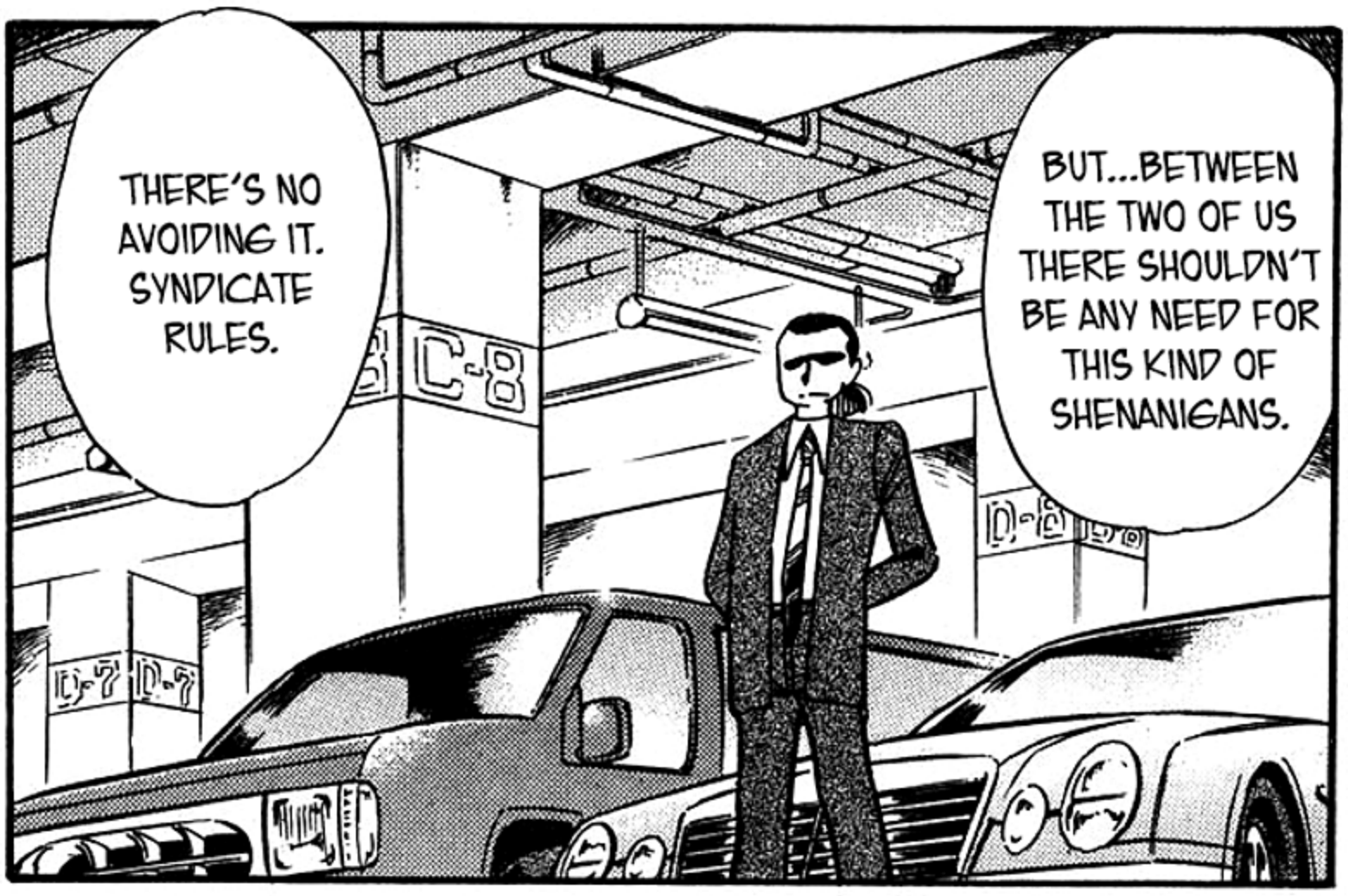
REGENNE... DO YOU THINK THEY WERE MAKING THE STUFF HERE?



IT SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING IS FINE.
GOOD.

THIS IS OKAY AS WELL. NO SUPER K MIXED IN.
THANKS

OK!!
THAT'S THE GOOD STUFF.


THERE'S NO AVOIDING IT. SYNDICATE RULES.
BUT...BETWEEN THE TWO OF US THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY NEED FOR THIS KIND OF SHENANIGANS.
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D-8

WELL...THE TWO OF US HAVE HAD DEALINGS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE. I TRUST THERE WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE IN OUR DEALINGS FROM NOW ON, HENDLEY.

LOW QUALITY COKE AND FAKE BILLS...WHAT HAS THE WORLD COME TO?

UH-HUH. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

IT WAS A PLEASANT EVENING... UNTIL NEXT TIME.

EVERY-THING IS FINE.

B-5

B-5

B-6

YES, SIR.

TAKE ME STRAIGHT TO THE HOUSE. I'M BEAT.

IF YOU MEAN THE TALK ABOUT HIS AGENT DOING BUSINESS IN "GREEN BLOOD" IN CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI, I'VE HEARD IT.

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UH-HUH...

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YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT IT?

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'RE AGAINST IT...

THE SYNDICATE IS NOT PROACTIVELY DEALING IN "GREEN BLOOD".

CONTINENTAL

I APOLOGIZE IF I HAVE SAID TOO MUCH...

HE'S A DUTIFUL FELLOW.

APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO DO A DEAL IN FINE COKE WITH ME, HE SOLD SOME "GREEN BLOOD" TO DEALERS IN CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI...

GOODNESS. COX GETS HIS HANDS ON SOME REALLY GOOD COKE.

WE HAVE A LOT OF HIGH-CLASS CUSTOMERS IN FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT. WE CAN'T BE SERVING UP SECOND OR THIRD CLASS MERCHANDISE TO THEM.

OUR STUFF TENDS TO BE EXPENSIVE, BUT MY GUESS IS THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE AN ORGANIZATION LIKE OURS THAT GUARANTEES THE AVAILABILITY OF HIGH QUALITY PRODUCT IN THE MARKETPLACE.

THE FACT IS THAT THERE AREN'T MANY ORGANIZATIONS LEFT THAT CAN PROCURE THIS CLASS OF COKE.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT "GREEN BLOOD"?

THIS IS JUST A RUMOR, BUT...

THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ARE FOCUSING ON CHEAP CRACK MADE FROM SECOND- OR THIRD-RATE COCAINE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, JONES.

IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT TELLING YOU BEFORE-HAND.

!

THANKS

VERY WELL. I'LL TAKE THE MERCHANDISE TO THE LAB.

IT'S JUST...

NORMALLY THE MAIDS ARE HERE TO GREET ME.

WHAT IS IT?

(SFX) SNIFF

WHAT !?

STAND I BACK!! SMELL GUN-POW-DER.

KATH-
LEEN!!

KATH-
LEEN!!
ANSWER
ME!!

BOSS!!

MY GRAND-
DAUGHTER!!

KATH-
LEEN!!

GET THE
BOSS INTO
THE CAR!!
I'M GOING
TO CALL THE
OFFICE.

SAXON!!

UWAH
!!

WHAT
ON
EARTH
...

!!

GRAND
...
DADDY
...

KATHLEEN!!
WHERE ARE
YOU? IT'S
YOUR GRAND-
DADDY!!

THIS!!

!!

DON'T GO IN!! GET BACK TO THE CAR!!

WHAT IS IT!? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?

I'M... FINE...

KATHLEEN!! ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU HURT...

(SFX) KA-BLAM

BOSS!!

BOSS!!

GET DOWN!!

MR. JONES!!

FIII

V-10 ULTRA COMPACT 45

M-
MASTER...

DAMN...
WHAT ON
EARTH...

BRIAN, IT'S ME...

EVEN... THE...M-MISTRESS

ON THE DOUBLE...

SEND SEVERAL MEN AROUND AT ONCE...

THIS IS...

IT CAN ONLY BE...A NIGHTMARE.

A NIGHT-MARE...

DID YOU SEE CNN THIS MORNING?

C.A.T
SHOOTING RANGE

UH-HUH... THE MASS SHOOTING AT A HOUSE IN L.A.

RIGHT

A TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL BLEW EVERYONE AWAY WITH A SHOTGUN?

THE GIRL WAS SHOT BY A BODYGUARD.

I'M NOT FOR GUN CONTROL, BUT MORE AND MORE OF THESE KINDS OF INCIDENTS MAKE ME THINK.

THE SAME ONE...

YOU MEAN... SURELY NOT THE ONE...

ACCORDING TO THE POLICE REPORT THERE WAS A DRUG IN THE GIRL'S BLOOD.

WHAT I DON'T GET IS HOW SUCH A YOUNG GIRL CAME TO POSSESS THE DRUG.

BUT PROBABLY IT IS...

CAT DOESN'T YET HAVE PRECISE DATA, SO WE CAN'T BE CERTAIN...

AND ALSO... JUST AS IN THE CASE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL...THE GIRL HAD NEVER HAD ANY TROUBLE BEFORE.

NO MATTER HOW CHEAP IT WAS, THE PRICE WAS NOT ON THE ORDER OF SOMETHING LIKE ICE CREAM.

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.....

SEE YA!

UH-HUH!

SAM'S PLACE AT SEVEN!

DON'T BE LATE!

'KAY

IT'S ON THE TABLE.

WELCOME HOME! YOU GOT SOMETHING IN THE MAIL.

I'M HOME!

IT'S COMPUTER SOFTWARE.

I HOPE YOU AREN'T WASTING YOUR MONEY ON JUNK.

I KNOW! JEEZ!

ANGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY IS AT SEVEN AT SAM'S PLACE.

GO SHOWER AND CHANGE YOUR SHIRT.

WITCH'S

LET ME SEE IF I GOT EMAIL...

OH...

A MESSAGE FROM ANGIE.

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Frog Candy

NICE! TASTE

(SFX) DROP

IT MAY BE SOFTWARE FOR KIDS, BUT DO THEY NORMALLY THROW IN EXTRA GOODIES?

HUH? THIS IS CANDY.

OH WELL...

WHAT COLOR IS THE FLOWER IN THIS VIDEO?

HELLO

HELLO... FIRST WE'LL CHECK YOUR MACHINE.

(SFX) NOM

G-GREEN ...

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BYE-
BYE
MOM..

WHEN YOU LEAVE, BE SURE TO LOCK THE DOOR!

DO YOU HEAR ME!?

BOBBY, I'M HEADING OUT TO WORK.

I HEAR YOU.

TAKE CARE.

SHEESH. TEENAGE BOYS ARE JUST A RUDE AS THEY CAN BE.

(SFX) KERCHAK

(SFX) ABA

THERE IS NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

NOW...YOU ARE GOING TO SAVE HUMANITY, BOBBY.

ANGIE! BOBBY JUST GOT HERE!

BOBBY'S HERE!

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UH-HUH... THEY WERE EVEN TALKING ABOUT THAT NEWS IN CAT EURO.

HE HAD GOOD GRADES, AND HE WAS POPULAR WITH THE OTHER KIDS IN HIS CLASS. AND THEY SAID HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS VERY PRETTY...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. TO GO ON A SHOOTING SPREE AT HIS GIRLFRIEND'S BIRTHDAY PARTY...

IT'S A HOPELESS CASE...

HE KILLED HER WITH ONE SHOT IN THE ENTRANCE TO HER PLACE.

IT'S A DELICATE SITUATION...

SHOULD THIS MAINLY BE HANDLED BY DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES?

HOW ARE THINGS IN EUROPE?

OR SHOULD ANTITERRORISM ORGANIZATIONS BE AT THE CENTER OF OPERATIONS? OPINIONS DIFFER.

I IMAGINE IT'S THE SAME ISSUE HERE IN THE STATES.

NO, IT'S NOT THAT.

IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO JUDGE IF THIS SERIES OF INCIDENTS REPRESENTS A CASE OF A NEW TYPE OF ILLICIT DRUG OR CHEMICAL TERRORISM.

TSK... THE SAME OLD TURF WARS...

WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE ANALYSIS OF THE INGREDIENTS IN "GREEN BLOOD" TO DETERMINE HOW IT IS MADE.

GLAD YOU'RE BACK!

WE'VE MISSED YOU!

WELCOME BACK, COM-MANDER!!

CAT

AH...

REGENNE IS HORRIBLE.

WE HEARD THEY MADE YOU STAY EXTRA TO ASSIST AN OPERATION IN FRANCE.

OH... YOU ALL STAYED TO SEE ME?

SHE'D USE HER OWN MOTHER IF SHE THOUGHT HER MOTHER COULD HELP HER.

NOT REALLY A FACTORY... MORE LIKE A SAFE-HOUSE.

WE HEARD IT WAS A SECRET FACTORY WHERE THEY MADE THAT "GREEN BLOOD" STUFF EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT.

WE FOUND VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING DRUGS, BUT IT WASN'T FOR "GREEN BLOOD".

IT WAS FOR MAKING STUFF LIKE COKE AND CRACK.

LIN!!

MARIE WAS NOT THERE ON VACATION!! IT WAS WORK!!

COM-MAN-DER?

SO... EH HEH HEH...DID YOU BRING PRESENTS?

THE LATEST FROM HERMES!

I REALLY WANTED THIS!

(SFX) KYAH KYAH KYAH

WAHOO!! SWISS CHOCOLATE!

AND I HAVE YOURS TOO, HELGA.

... THANKS ...

Y- YOU GUYS!!

A SILK SCARF!! CUUUTE!!

BUT IT'S JUST LIKE YOU TO GET SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE...

I'M GLAD. THAT MEANT I COULD HAND THEM OVER RIGHT AWAY.

NOW MY SUITCASE IS EMPTY.

E-7 E-7

F-8 F-8

SHEESH. THEY ALL HUNG AROUND SO THEY COULD GET THEIR THE PRESENTS ...

THANKS. THAT'S A BIG HELP.

WE'RE OFF TOMORROW, BUT I'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU TYPE UP YOUR REPORT.

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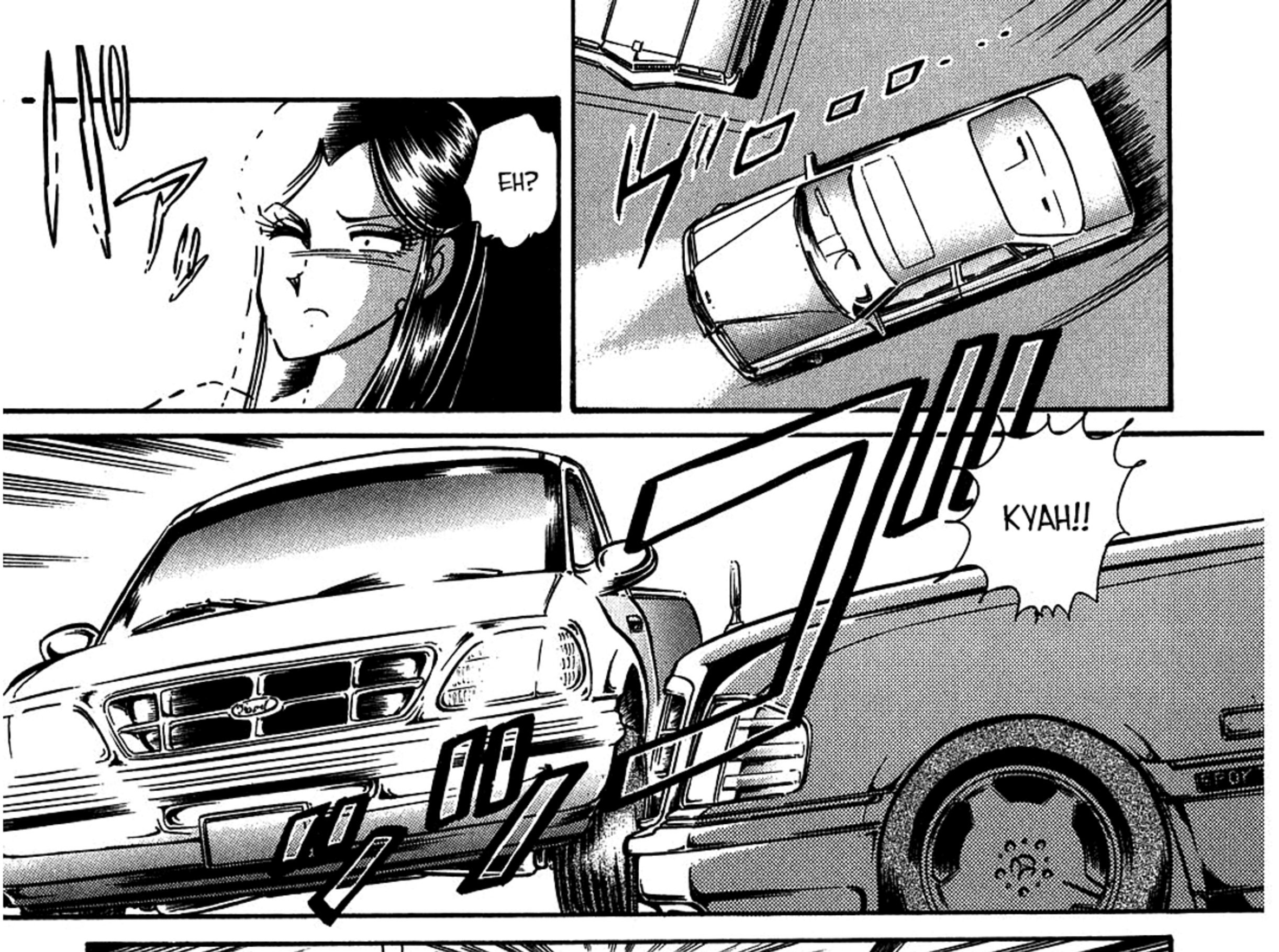
SURE... SHALL WE GO TO A DRIVE IN?

SAY... HELGA ARE YOU FEELING HUNGRY?

Drive-in 21


EH?
KYAH!!
!!

H- HELGA ...
DUMB- ASS!!
WH- WHO DOES THAT DRIVER THINK HE IS!?
I JUST BOUGHT THIS CAR...
FUCK!!

I'LL KILL HIM!!

HELGA ...

C- CALM DOWN!!

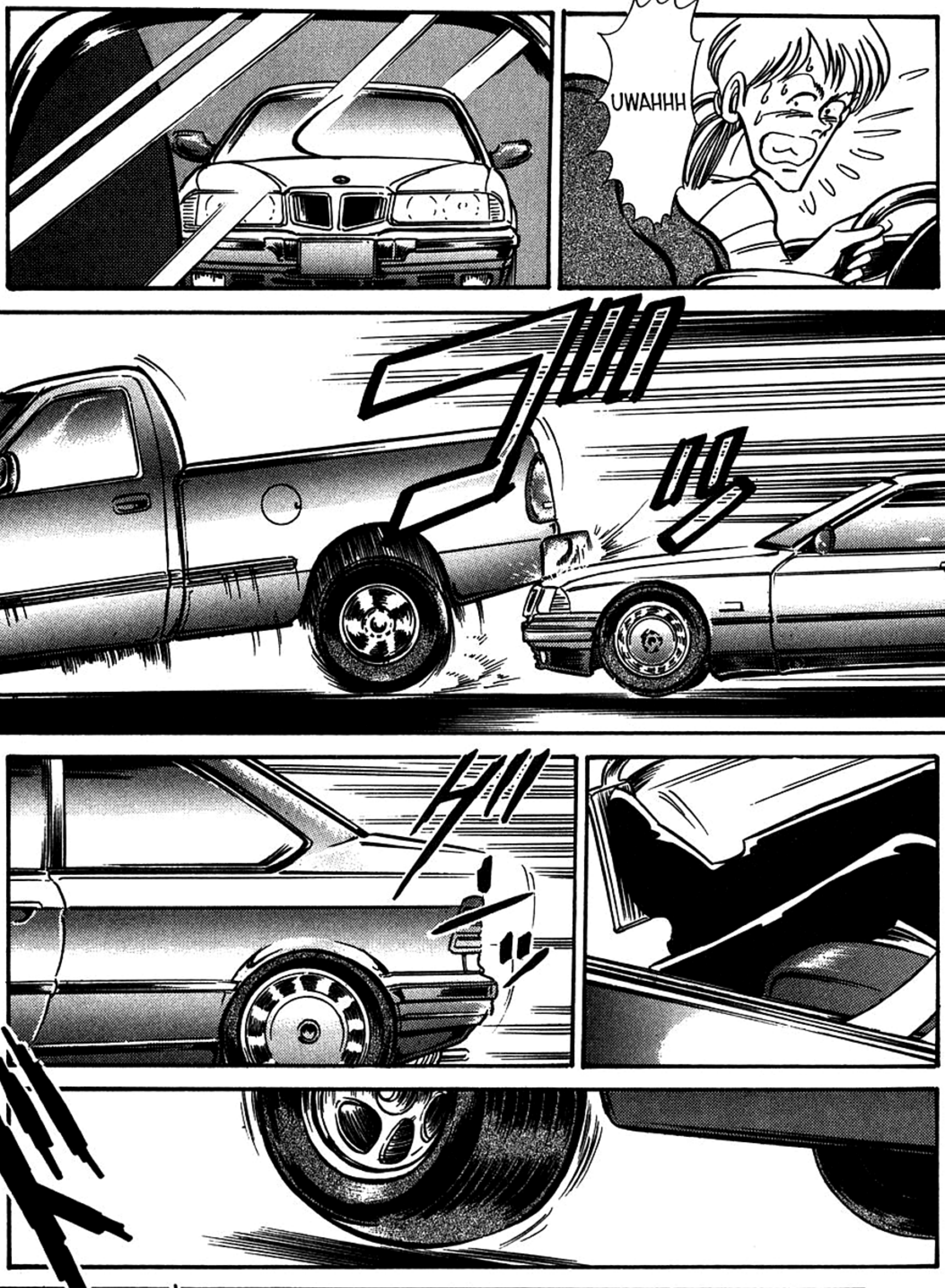
THEY ARE GONNA PAY DAMAGES!!

HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK IT COST?

IT'S A BRAND NEW AMG!!

THE PUNK DRIVING THE PICKUP STOLE HIS BRIEFCASE OR SOMETHING.

IT SEEMS LIKE THE BMW IN FRONT OF US IS FOLLOWING THE PICKUP.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AND

HEL-
GA!!

HE
GOT
HIM!

WAIT A
SEC',
YOU!!

...

W- WAIT A MINUTE, HELGA...

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON,

BUT I HAVE BUSINESS WITH THE DRIVER OF THAT PICKUP!!

URGH ...

DO YOU HEAR ME!?

HEY!!

I APOLO-GIZE... BUT I HAVE A PRIOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THAT MAN.

IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME TO PROCEED,

HOW ABOUT IF I COVER THE COST OF YOUR REPAIRS?

FOR BODYWORK AND PAINT REPAIR ON AN AMG C36, THREE THOUSAND SHOULD COVER IT.

PLEASE

NATIONAL BAN

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IT'S A CHECK FROM NATIONAL BANK.

THEN PLEASE THINK OF THE REST AS COM-PENSATION FOR YOUR TROUBLE.

I DON'T NEED THREE THOUSAND. FIFTEEN HUNDRED WOULD COVER IT.

WE DON'T WANT TO GET MIXED UP IN THAT.

LET'S GO.

WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY...

AH... UH-HUH.

THE CHECK WAS GOOD. DID YOU PUT IT STRAIGHT INTO YOUR ACCOUNT?

IT WAS SIGNED J. I. JONES.

THAT WASN'T CHEAP.

IT'S A GOOD THING HE WAS RICH.

WHY WOULD SOMEONE FROM FLORIA BE IN A PLACE LIKE THAT...

AN ADDRESS IN FLORIA CITY.

THE ACCOUNT WAS UNDER JOHN ISAAC JONES.

FLORIA ...

GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ONE COULD HARDLY IMAGINE HE IS A RESPECTABLE PERSON.

I COULDN'T SEE HIM WELL ENOUGH TO TELL WHETHER HIS EXPRESSION WAS DARK OR PLEASANT, BUT I HAD A BAD FEELING ABOUT HIM.

THE TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO WENT ON A SHOOTING RAMPAGE...

THE SECOND...WAS THE MANSION WHERE THAT RICH FAMILY WAS SLAUGHTERED...

FLORIA WAS WHERE ONE...NO TWO OF THOSE MASS SHOOTINGS HAPPENED.

WE EVEN HEARD ABOUT THAT ONE IN PARIS.

UH-HUH...

THE FIRST WAS IN GETTYSBURG AND THE NEXT IN RICHMOND.

THE FIRST WAS AT A SUPER-MARKET.

THE PLACES ...

HELGA.. SAY THAT AGAIN?

SEVEN INCIDENTS IN TWO WEEKS... VERY STRANGE.

THEN THEY CONTINUED IN INVERS, TWICE IN FLORIA, OTTAWA, AND THEN YESTERDAY IN NEW YORK.

GETTYSBURG
RICHMOND
INVERS
FLORIA
FLORIA
OTTOWA
NEW YORK

IN ORDER?

EH?

.....

WHAT IS IT?

THE ROSE ON HER BREAST...

MARIE'S ROSE...IS RED...

MARIE!!

WHY!? WHAT IS IT!?

THIS... IS TERROR-ISM..

THERE IS NO DOUBT ...

INDIS-CRIMINATE ... CHEMICAL TERRORISM ...

THE MOST... TERRI-FYING...

IT CAN'T BE A COINCI-DENCE...

A THING LIKE THIS...

....GRY-PHON...

THE NAMES OF THE PLACES WHERE EACH INCIDENT TOOK PLACE...

THE FIRST LETTERS SPELL OUT...

G.R.I.F.F.O.N.

A THING LIKE THIS...

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HI!....
OH, IRENE! YOU'RE EARLY TODAY.
I'D LIKE COFFEE, TOAST, BACON, AND EGGS, PLEASE.
COM-ING RIGHT UP.
MY MICROWAVE IS BUSTED AND I NEEDED SOME BREAKFAST.
HI, LINDA.
HUH?
BOSS

WHEN I WENT TO TOSS OUT THE GARBAGE, HE WAS HANGING AROUND THERE LIKE A CREEP.

THERE'S A WEIRD GUY IN BACK. MAYBE WE SHOULD CALL THE POLICE.

HI! YOU'RE EARLY TODAY.

WHAT?

SAY... LITTLE LADY.

GREEN LIPSTICK LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.

Gross... this guy is on drugs...

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IRENE?

!

HMM... THE PO-LICE...

DON'T MOVE!!

WHO ARE YOU?

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DROP YOUR WEAPON! RIGHT NOW!

IRENE !!!

IT'S AN EXPENSIVE WEAPON.

I TRUST YOU WILL RETURN IT TO ME LATER ...

TELL THAT TO THE POLICE.

!!!

THE DECEASED WAS A DRUG PUSHER NAMED GORDON.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHAT ABOUT THE GUY IN THE SHADES?

IF YOU WILL, PLEASE SIGN HERE.

IF IT WERE JUST A CASE OF A DRUG PUSHER SAMPLING HIS OWN PRODUCT, THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO DISCUSS.

HE IS A LICENSED BODYGUARD, AND HE HAS A CONCEALED-CARRY PERMIT.

WHAT ABOUT THE BODY ARMOR UNDER HIS SHIRT AND THE GUN?

HE DIDN'T TEST POSITIVE FOR ANY DRUGS, SO HE WAS DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACTING IN SELF-DEFENSE.

BUT WE HAVE TO DETERMINE IF IT WAS "GREEN BLOOD".

(SFX) HMPH

WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE?

NO COM-MENT

POLICE

SAY...THAT "GREEN BLOOD" DRUG, HAS IT BEEN CIRCULATING A LOT LATELY?

DID YOU EVEN LOOK AT THE PAPERWORK? I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE IT, BUT I'M WITH CAT.

WE CAN'T SPEAK SO FREELY WITH OUTSIDERS DURING AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

EH?

AH-HAH...I THOUGHT YOU WERE AWFULLY COMFORTABLE HANDLING THAT PISTOL.

YOU KNOW ABOUT CAT?

I HAD ON THE ARMOR, AND IT STOPPED THE ICEPICK. BUT MY COLLARBONE IS FRACTURED.

THAT WAS A BACKSTREET. IT WASN'T A PLACE WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE PASSING BY.

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THIS IS JUST CONJEC-TURE ON MY PART.

BUT HE WAS STRUNG OUT ON DRUGS AND ATTACKED YOU.

BUT I FIGURE YOU KNEW THAT DRUG-PUSHER GORDON. YOU HAD BEEN PURSUING HIM, AND YOU FOUND HIM THERE IN THAT BACK ALLEY...

WE HAVE NO DIRECT CONNEC-TION TO THE MILITARY.

EXTERNAL TO THE DEPART-MENT OF DEFENSE?

IT'S AN ANTI-TERRORISM OUTFIT.

I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT IN MY WORK ...

NO PROB-LEM.

THANKS FOR THE LIFT.

HE WAS HANGING OUT THERE AND CALLED ME OVER. THEN HE SUDDENLY ATTACKED ME.

I'D NEVER SEEN NOR HEARD OF HIM BEFORE.

SO...I DON'T MEAN TO STICK MY NOSE IN YOUR BUSINESS, BUT HOW WERE YOU CONNECTED WITH THAT DEAD GUY?

DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT A COP, NOR AM I ON THEIR SIDE.

WHICH IS THE STORY YOU TOLD THE COPS I'M SURE.

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WHACHA SAY?

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART I'D LIKE TO COMPARE NOTES WITH YOU.

THAT BMW...

WHICH ONE?

THEN LET'S GO IN MY CAR.

THERE'S A GUY THERE.

OK

GET IN!! WE'RE LEAV-ING!!

LOOK OUT!! THE OWNER'S BACK!

AH!!

HEY!!

AND THEN...YOU PLUGGED HIM WITH A SINGLE SHOT TO THE HEAD.

WITH A GUY STRUNG OUT ON "GREEN BLOOD", I FIGURE THERE'S REALLY NO OTHER OPTION THAN SHOOT HIM.

YOU DIDN'T PULL THE GUN WHEN HE ATTACKED YOU WITH THE ICE PICK. YOU HAD IT OUT TO BEGIN WITH.

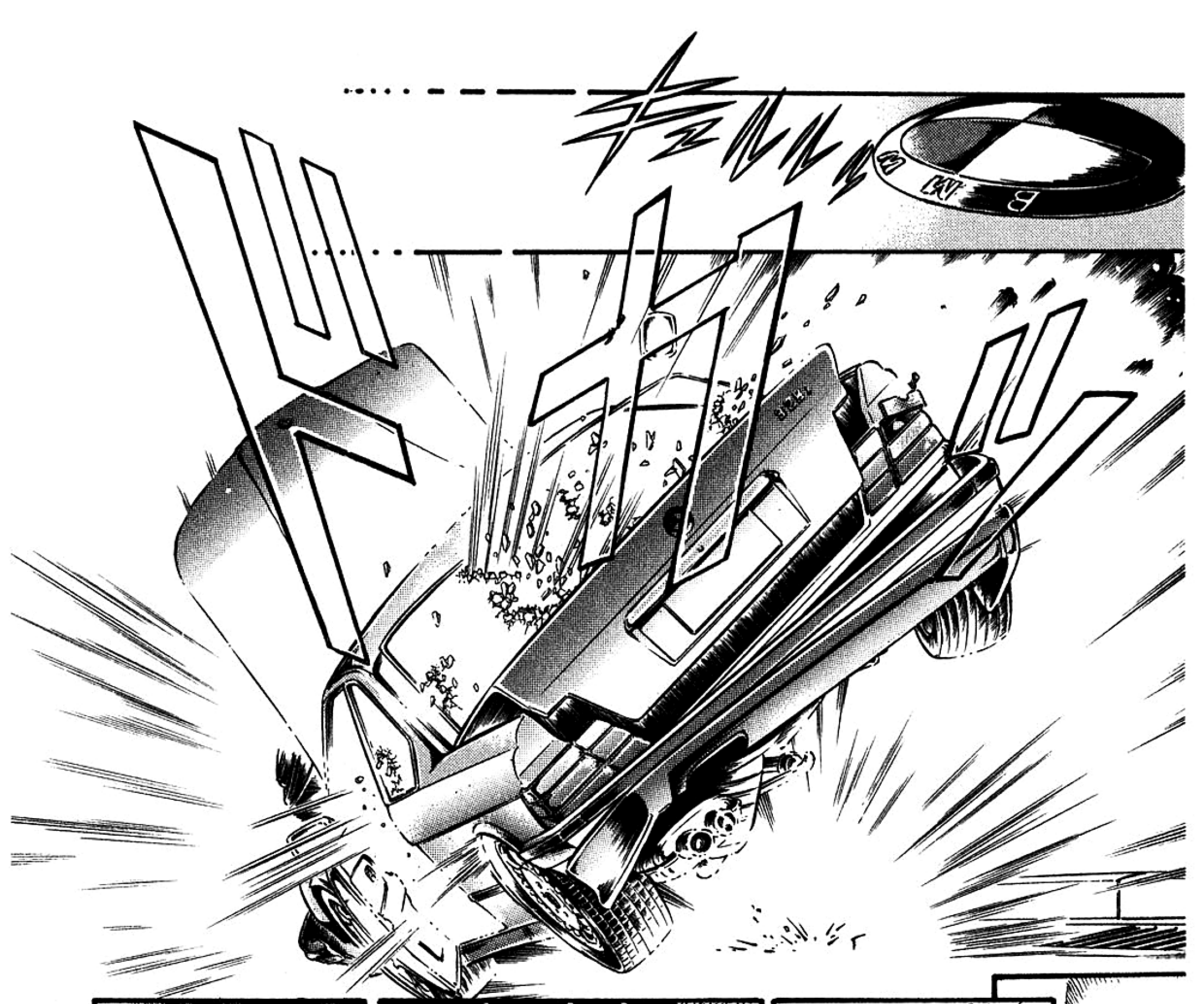
YOU SHOULD WRITE A HARD-BOILED DETECTIVE NOVEL.

THAT'S GOOD MATE-RIAL.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

IS THERE THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT?

INFORMATION... ABOUT "GREEN BLOOD"...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WHAT THE HELL ...!?

NOW!!

GET IN!!

WHA ...!!

UWAH!!

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AH!!

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(SFX) KERSHAK

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AHHH!!

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IS SOMEONE AFTER YOU?

YOUR IGNITION WAS RIGGED WITH EXPLOSIVES.

WHY SOMEONE MIGHT BE AFTER ME...

THERE ARE A MILLION REASONS ...

THERE'S A BLACK VIPER BEHIND US.

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS DRIV-ING!?

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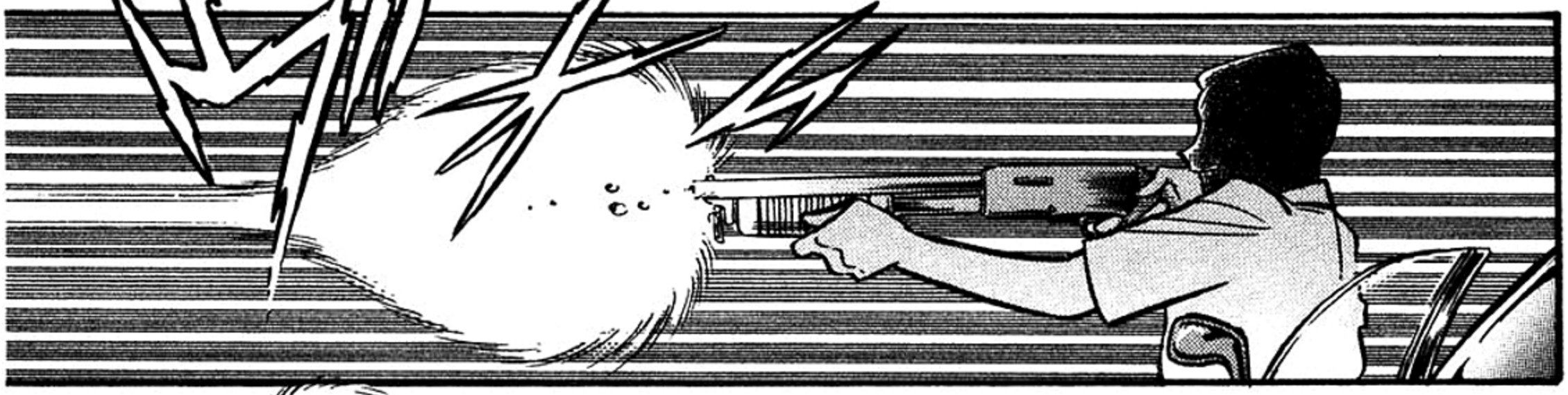
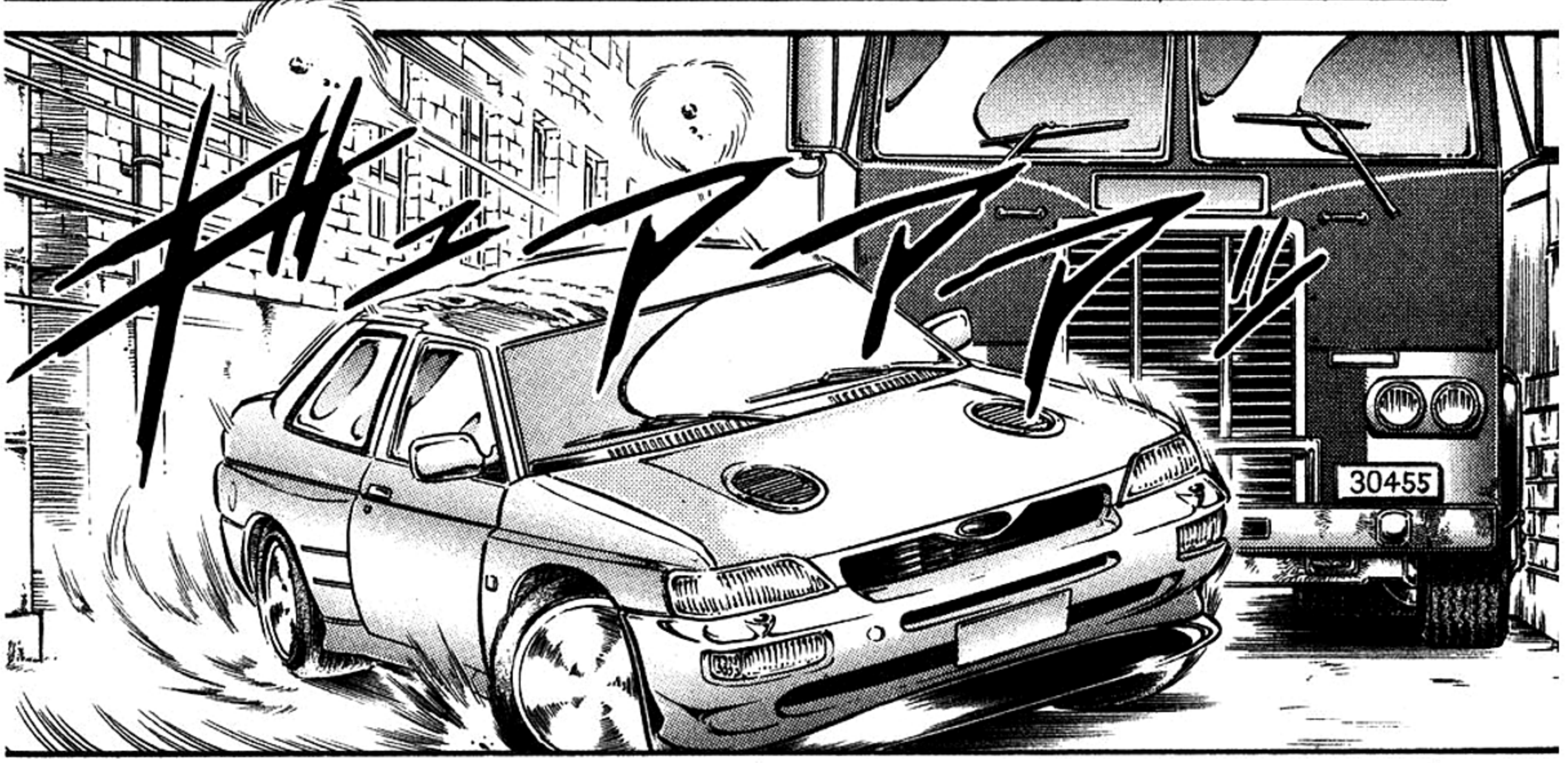
I'M STILL PAYING THIS THING OFF!!

GYAHH!!

FUCK!!

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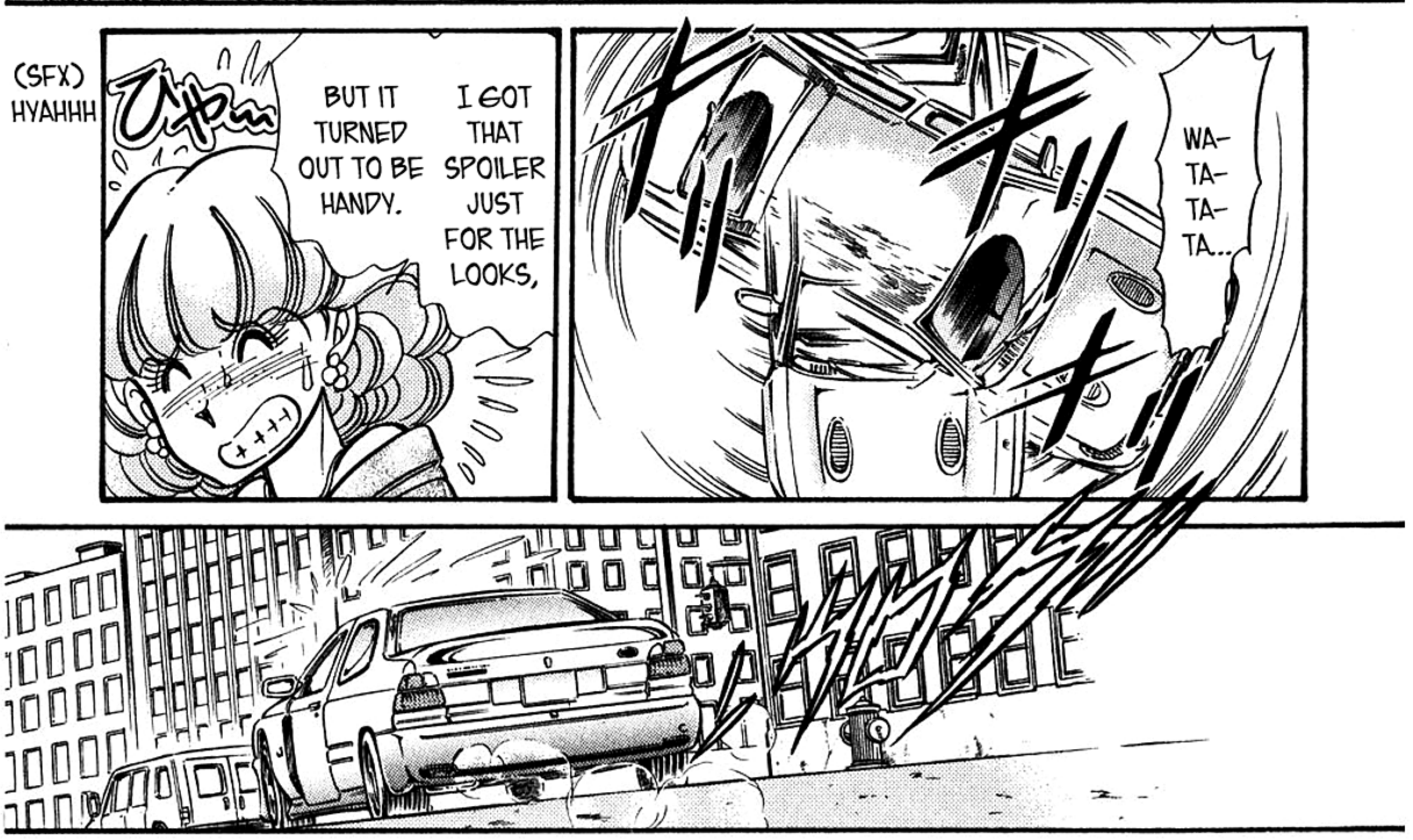
(SFX)
HYAHHH
Uhm
BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE HANDY.
I GOT THAT SPOILER JUST FOR THE LOOKS,
WA-TA-TA-TA...

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...THE WORST ...

AHH...DAMN. THE UPPER WING FLEW OFF. THE ROOF IS A DENTED-UP MESS.

AT TIMES LIKE THIS YOU'RE SUPPOSED OFFER UP CONSO-LATION!!

LOOK HERE ...

IS THERE A CAT OPERATION TO DEAL WITH "GREEN BLOOD"?

...I SEE. IT SEEMS YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED...

WHAT KIND OF CONSOLA-TION IS THAT?

RIGHT NOW TERRORISTS ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH A PLAN TO COMMIT CHEMICAL TERROR.

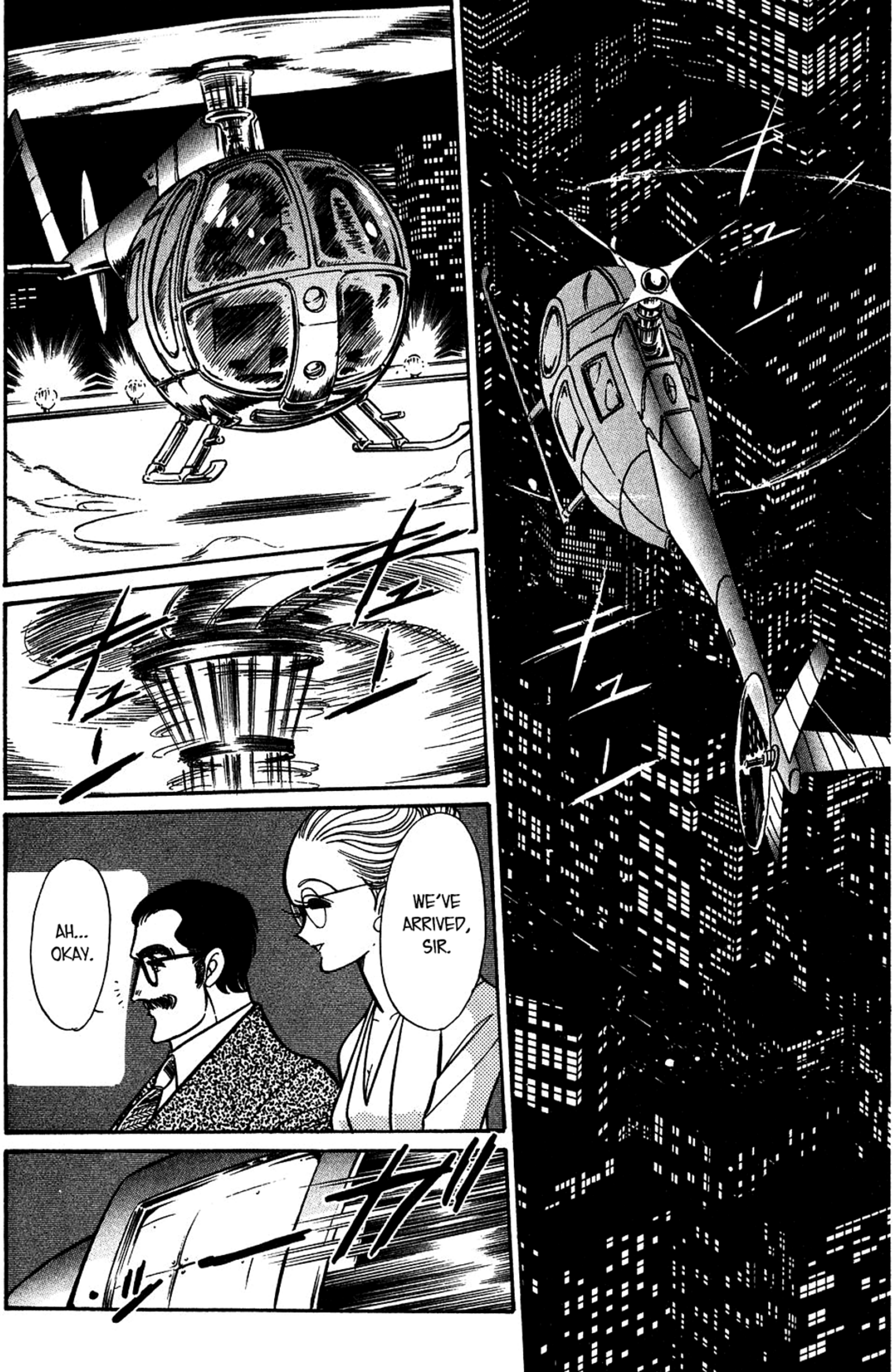
YOU'VE HELPED ME OUT, SO LET ME GIVE YOU A HEADS UP.

HEY!!

JUST A SEC!!

WHA-!!

SEE YA


AH... OKAY.
WE'VE ARRIVED, SIR.

SIR?

AH-

hmph

(SFX) AH-CHOO!!

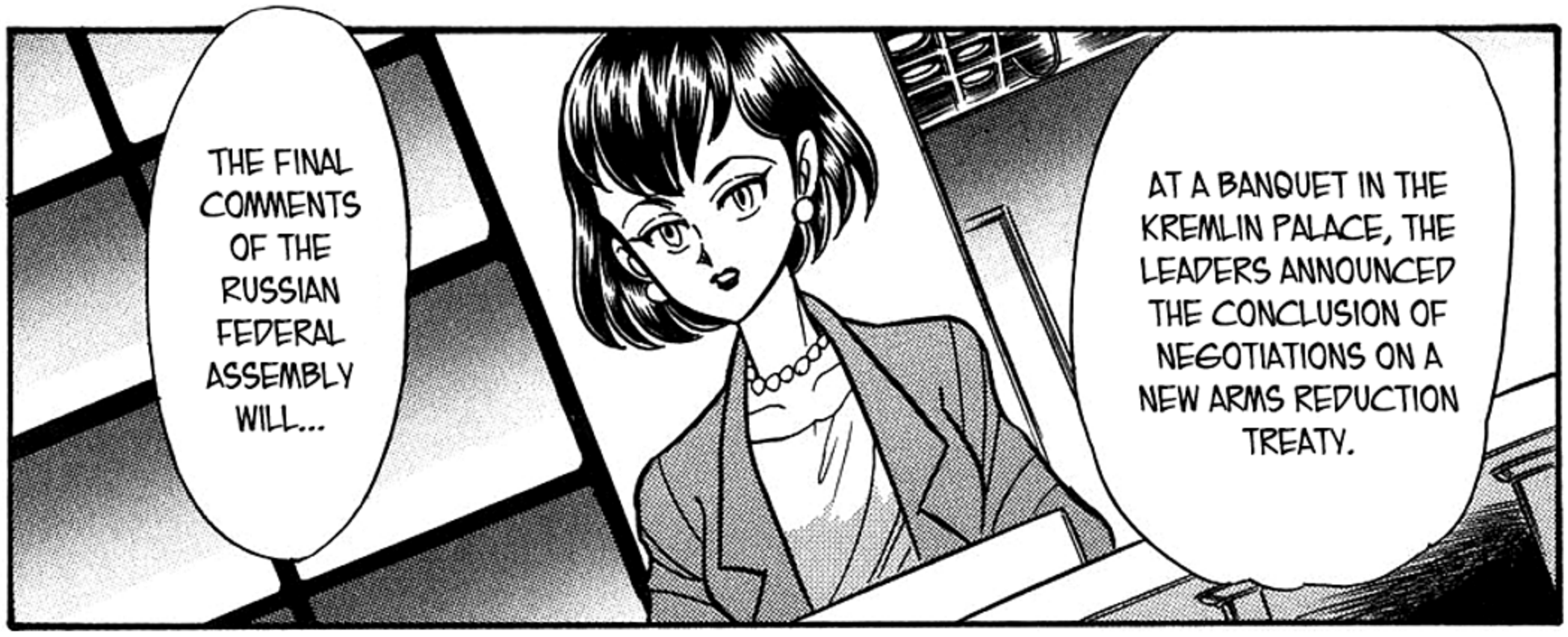
OH MY GOOD-NESS.

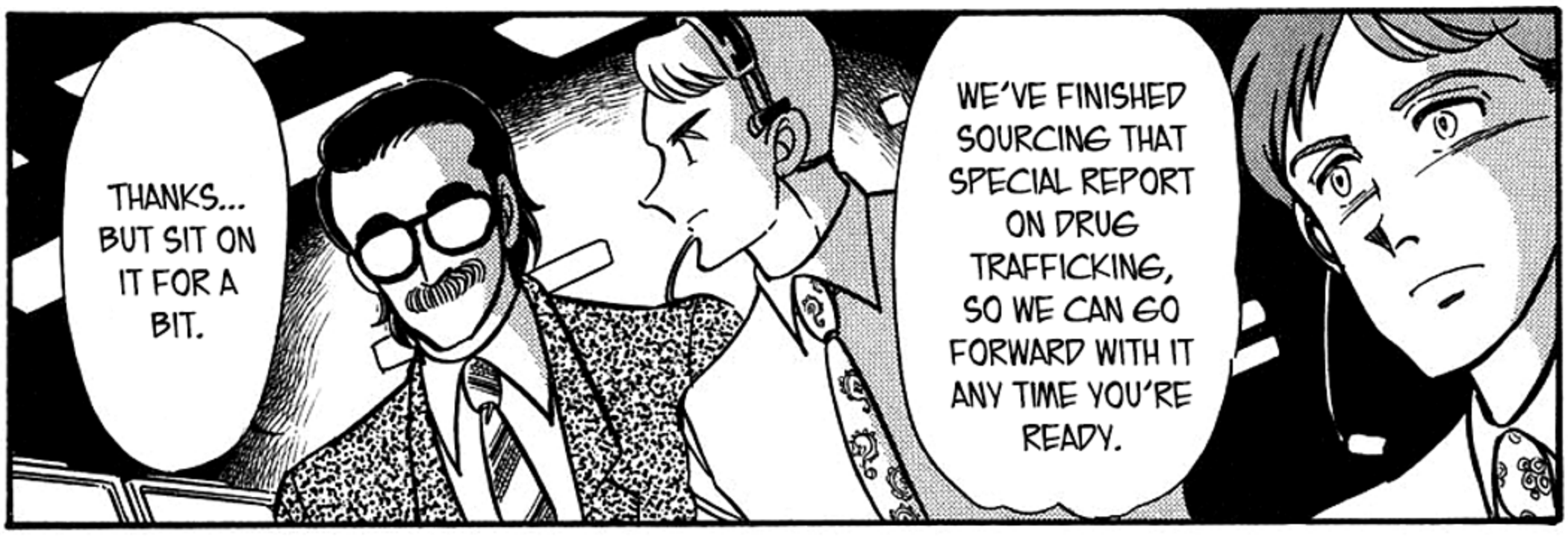
NO...THE HELIPORT IS JUST BIT CHILLY THIS EVENING.

ARE YOU CATCHING A COLD, SIR?

AH...NO. I HAVE TO DRAW UP MY REPORT FIRST. THE MEETING IS EARLY TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

YOUR TRIP TO EUROPE WAS EXTREMELY BUSY. AS SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR, YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED...WE'LL BRING THE CAR AROUND AND GET YOU HOME AT ONCE...


THE FINAL COMMENTS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERAL ASSEMBLY WILL...
AT A BANQUET IN THE KREMLIN PALACE, THE LEADERS ANNOUNCED THE CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW ARMS REDUCTION TREATY.


THANKS... BUT SIT ON IT FOR A BIT.
WE'VE FINISHED SOURCING THAT SPECIAL REPORT ON DRUG TRAFFICKING, SO WE CAN GO FORWARD WITH IT ANY TIME YOU'RE READY.

SERBIAN MILITARY FORCES BEGAN SHELLING THE CITY ON THE EIGHTEENTH. IN RESPONSE, THE UNITED NATIONS...

NO... TIMING.
INSTRUCTIONS FROM UPSTAIRS?

WE WANT THE MOST EFFECTIVE TIMING...

OH... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WOULD YOU LIKE COFFEE?

I GOT EIGHTY PERCENT OF IT DONE ON THE PLANE COMING HOME.

I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, BUT THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.

UM...IF YOU LIKE, I COULD HELP...

PICKING ME UP WAS HELPFUL ENOUGH. GO HOME AND GET SOME REST.

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND PUT IT TOGETHER. IT WON'T TAKE ALL NIGHT.

OKAY. SEE YOU TOMORROW.

OUR LEAD STORY IS THE PRESI-DENTIAL VISIT TO RUSSIA.

YMB EVENING NETWORK

YMB

CAMERA TWO FOLLOW.

MOVING TO MONITOR SCREEN.

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CAMERA TWO, CAMERA THREE, STAND BY!!

MONITORS ONE THROUGH EIGHT ARE ON.

YMB

LINES ONE AND TWO CON-NECTED!!

OH, HELLO SIR. WELCOME BACK. HOW ARE YOU DOING?

EVERY-THING IN ORDER?

SAME AS EVER.

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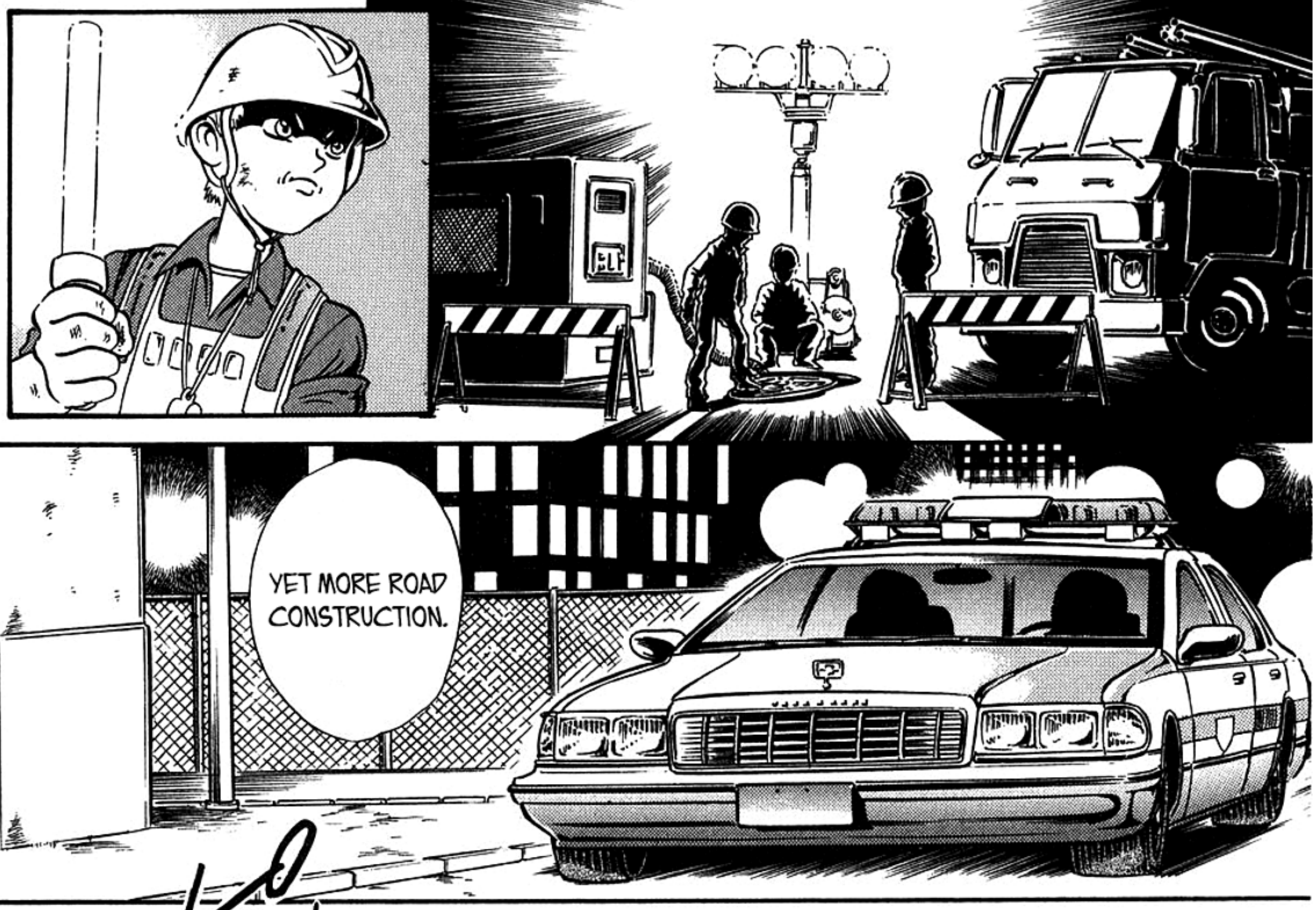
DAUD

GRYPHON HERE. PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE. ZERO HOUR IS THREE DAYS FROM NOW.



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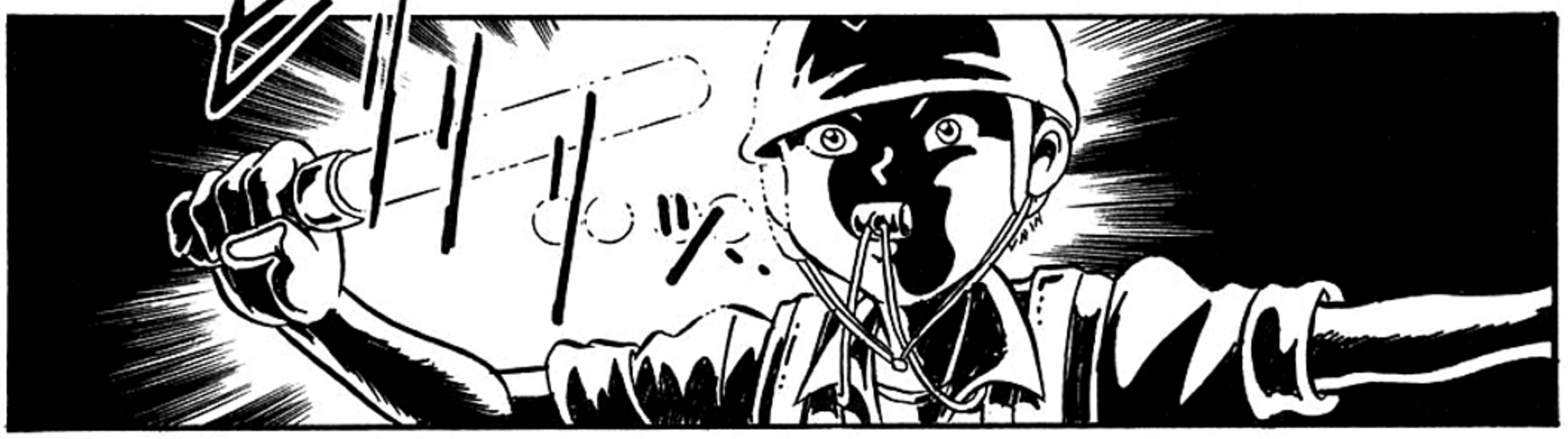
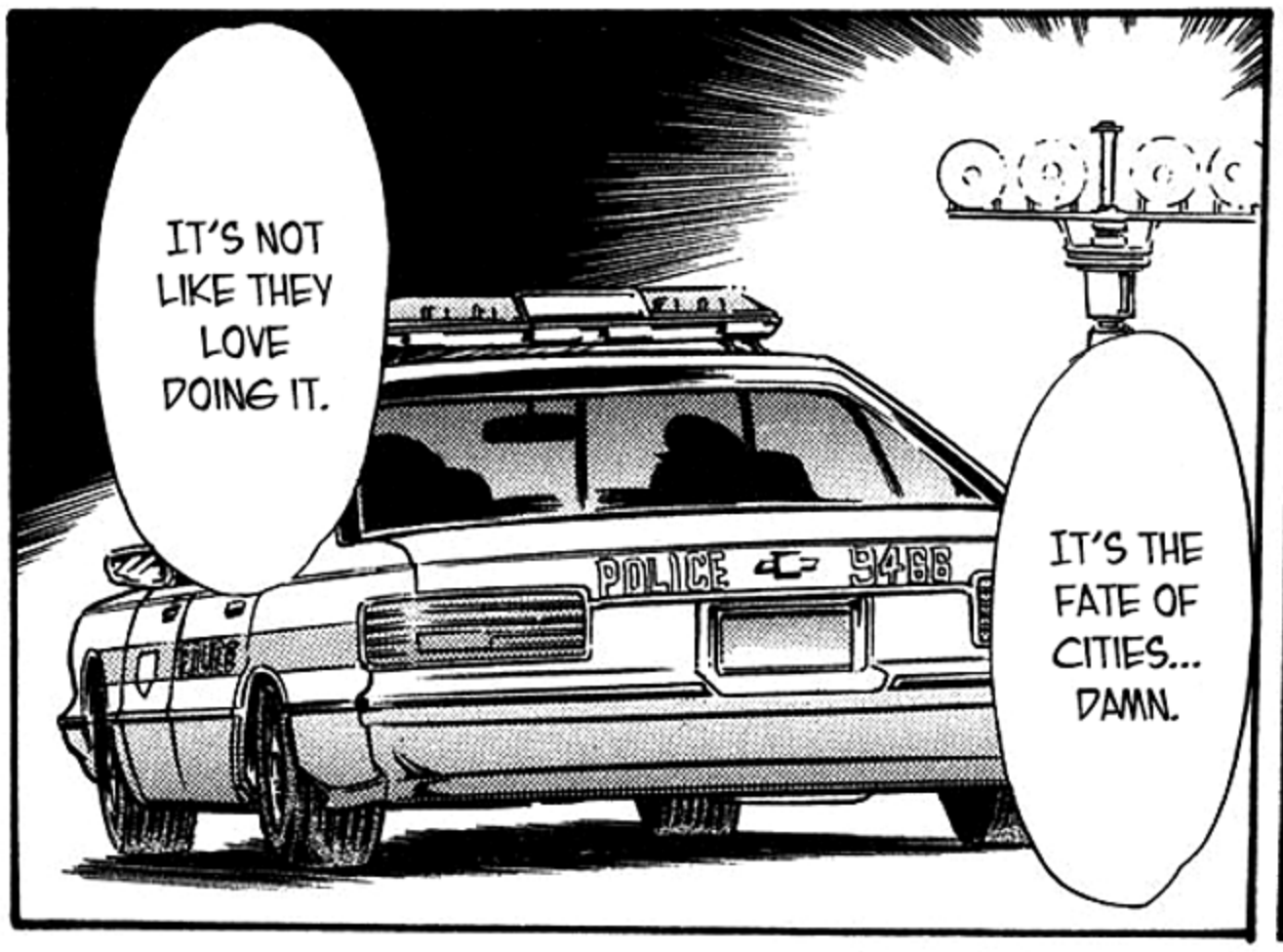




THERE'S NO POINT...I DON'T...KNOW ...ANYTHING.

WELL? YOU MUST BE FEELING FINE BY NOW.

SPILL IT!! EVERYTHING!!

YOU SHOULD KNOW.

THAT'S SOME GOOD STUFF I GAVE YOU.

...I DON'T... KNOW.

THIS WAY IS OKAY TOO.

THEY'RE GONE.

AT 5:00 AM.

THREE DAYS FROM NOW

HAVE YOU SET THE TIMER?

GOOD... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

I'M RESIS-TANT TO IT.

WAIT ALL YOU LIKE...MESCA LINE HAS NO EFFECT...ON ME.

KU KU KU...YOU LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

NEED RESISTANCE AGAINST A TRUTH SERUM?

WHY WOULD A SMALL-TIME DEALER

UH... UH...

WHAT COLOR ARE MY EYES...?

CALM DOWN AND PAY ATTENTION...

Y- YOU... GAVE...ME ...THAT...

GREEN... UH...

YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME...BEFORE YOU GET THERE.

KATH-ERINE

SHE ATTACHED HERSELF TO ME...

LIKE AN OLDER BROTHER.

SHE WAS ONLY A CHILD.

IT'S A NIGHT-MARE...

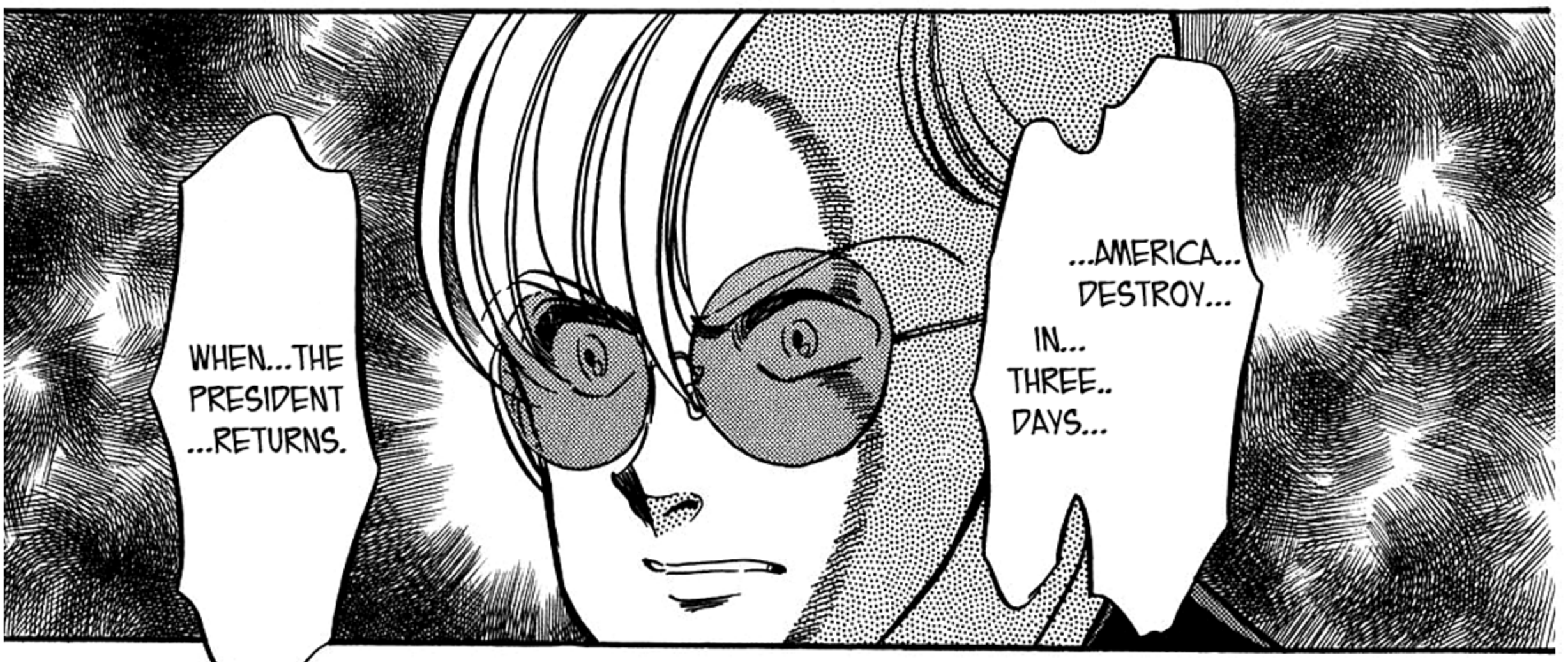
A RECURRING NIGHTMARE.

I...
DON'T...
KNOW...

ANSWER
ME.

I
DON'T...
KNOW

ANSWER
ME.


...AMERICA...
DESTROY...
IN...
THREE..
DAYS...
WHEN...THE
PRESIDENT
...RETURNS.

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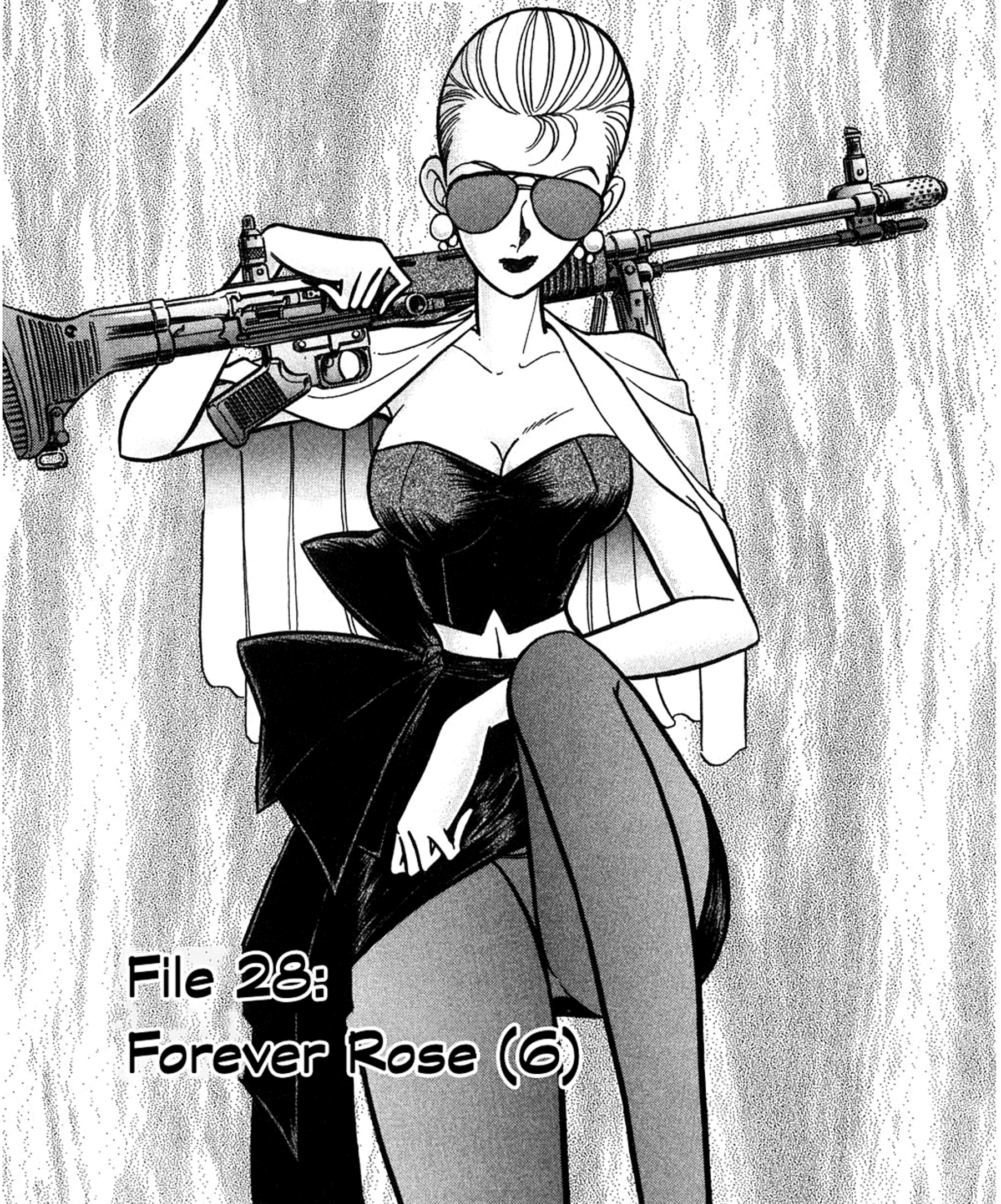

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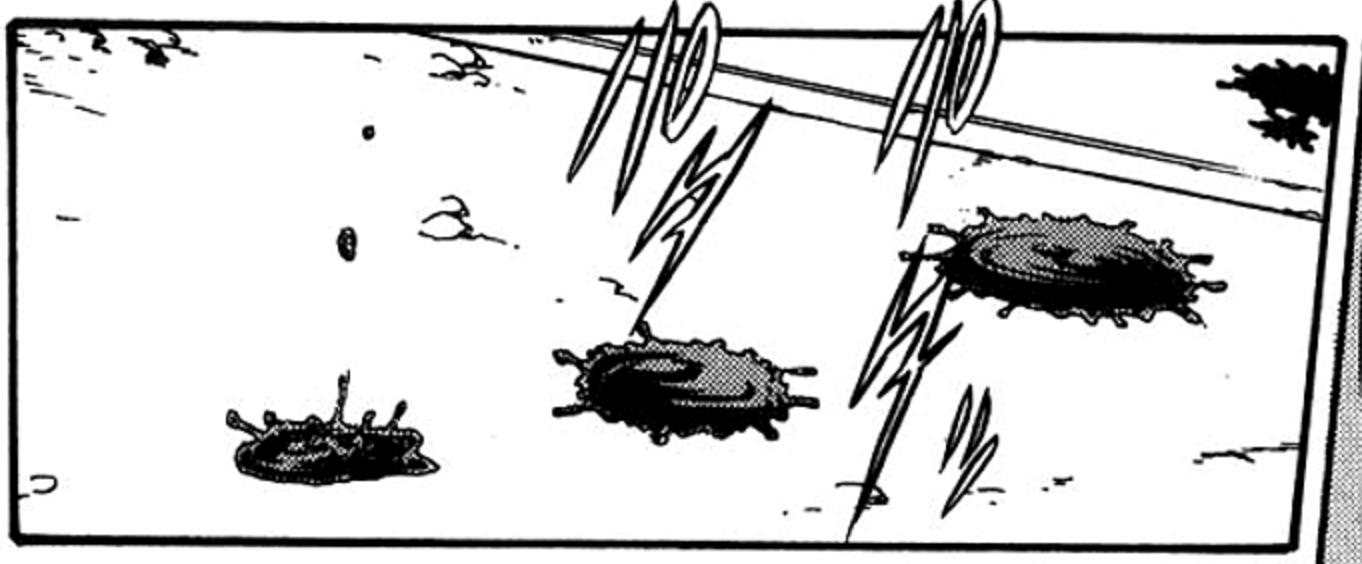

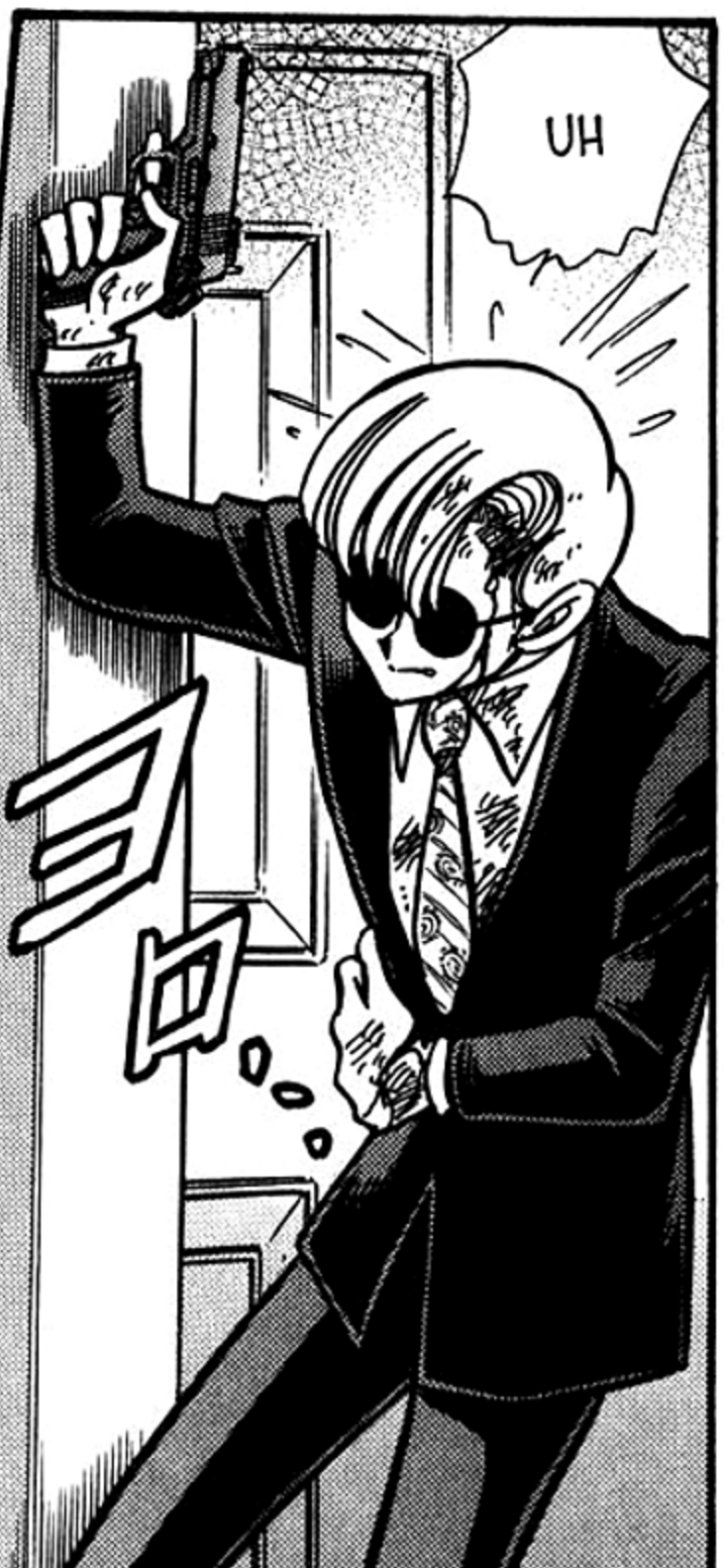
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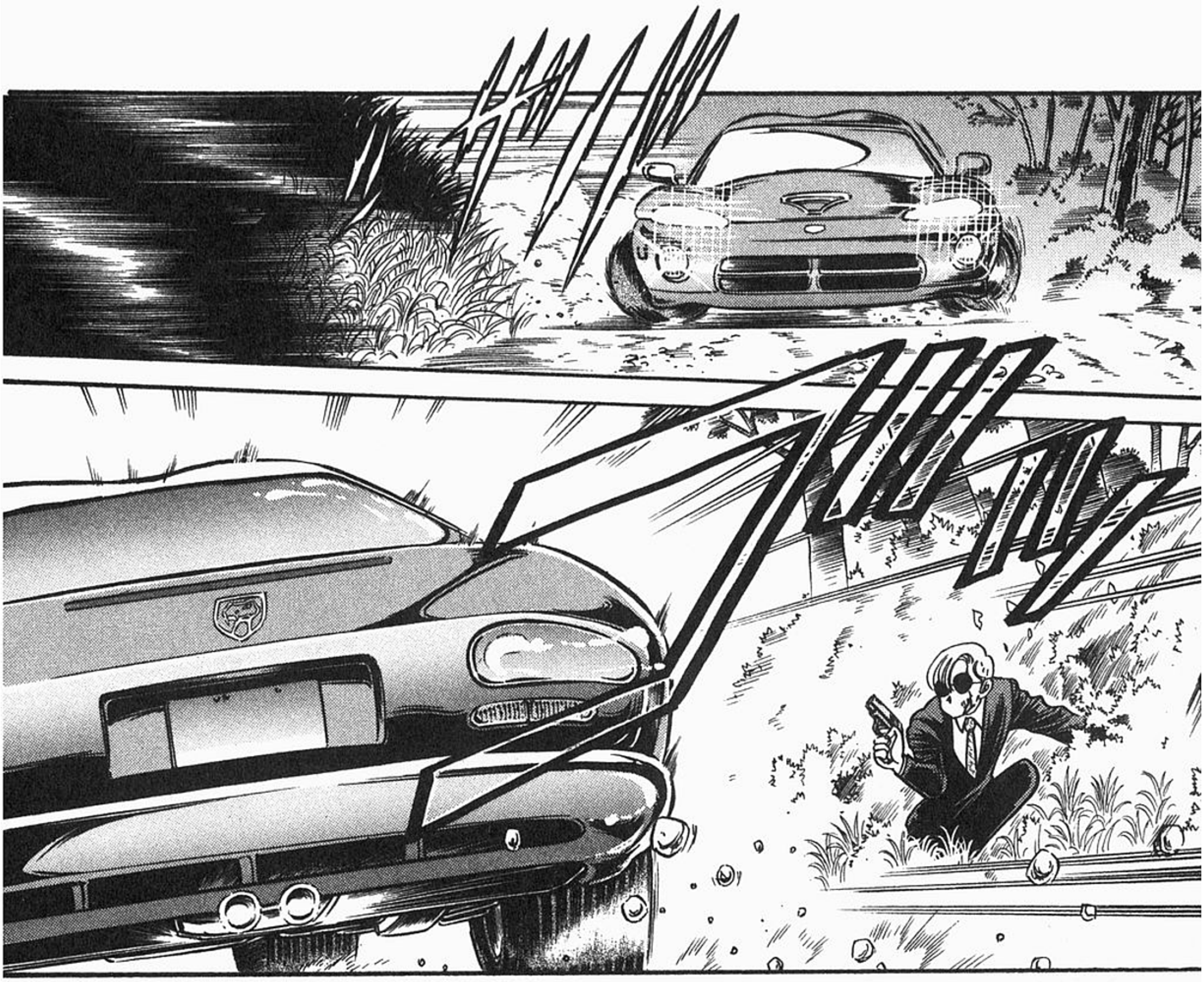
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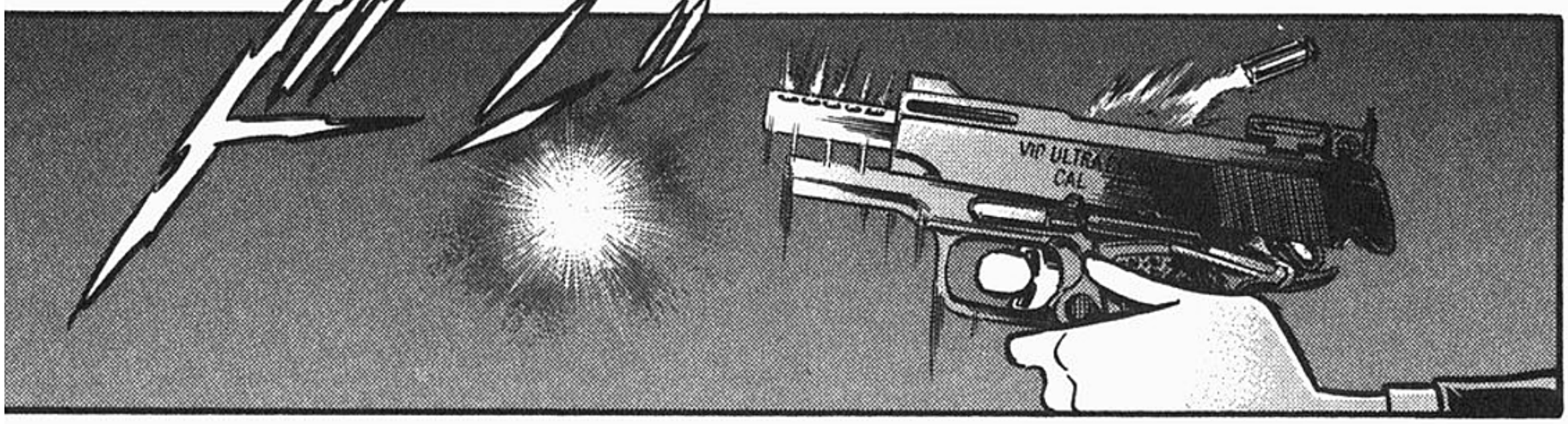
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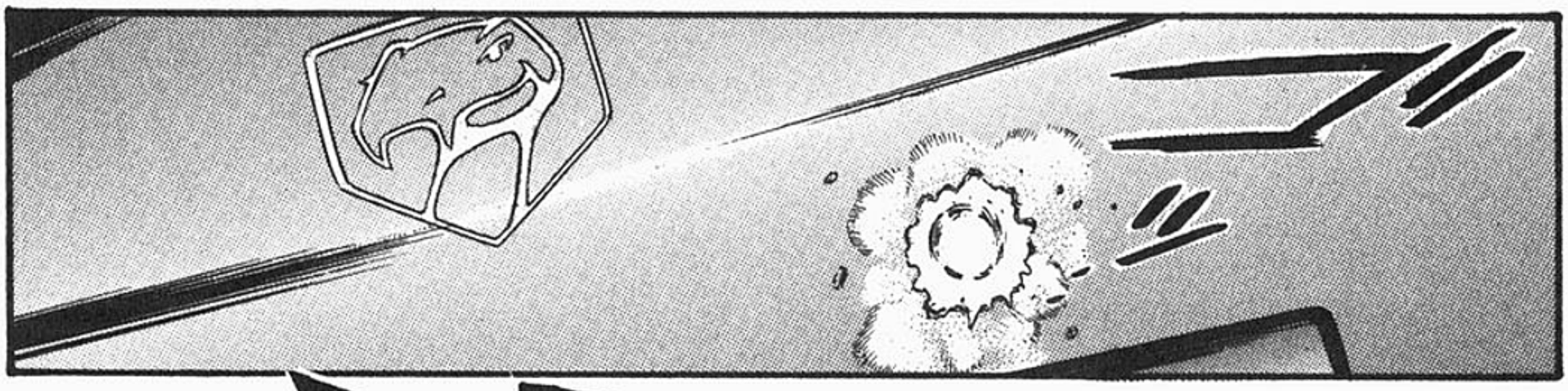

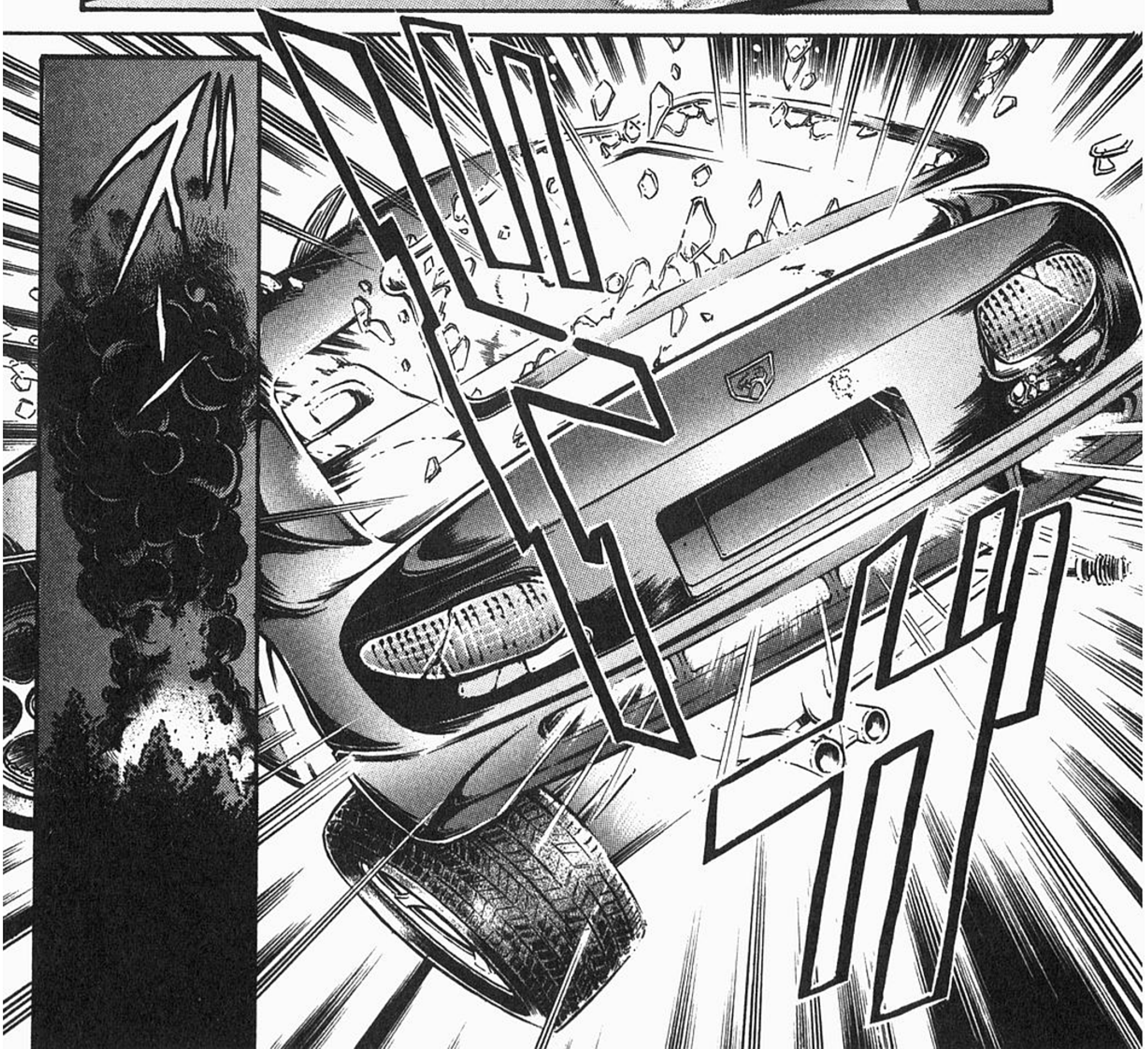

I'M ISSUING AN EMERGENCY SUMMONS.

COLLEEN

MARIE

IF WE WAIT ON THEM IT WILL BE TOO LATE!!

MARIE!! WE STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY GO AHEAD FROM HEAD-QUARTERS.

IN AN INSTANT WE COULD BE FACED WITH THOUSANDS OF CASUAL-TIES.

THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES FROM CHEMICAL TERROR IS INCOM-PARABLY HIGHER THAN THAT FROM BOMBINGS OR SHOOTINGS.

WITHOUT COMMISSION OR ORDERS, THE BUSINESS OFFICE IS NOT GOING TO ISSUE SUPPLIES.

AND ALSO...IF WE ENGAGE ON OUR OWN, WHAT DO WE DO FOR SUPPLIES?

UH-HUH

BUT ALL WE HAVE TO GO ON IS WHAT IRENE PICKED UP.

IF WE MOBILIZE FOR NOTHING THAT WON'T THE END OF IT.

SHOW SOME RESPON-SIBILITY!

JES-SICA !!

WE CAN AT LEAST ISSUE AN EMERGENCY SUMMONS FOR SPECIAL MISSION TRAINING.

BUT WE WANT SOMETHING TO HAPPEN AFTER WE'VE MOBILIZED.

IF NOTHING HAPPENS, THAT'S A GOOD THING.

THE MAN IRENE CONTACTED IS PROBABLY THE SAME ONE HELGA AND I MET THE OTHER DAY.

REALLY...

SO... DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT ANY MORE.

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WE COULD ASK THE POLICE. THEY MIGHT HAVE A HOTEL OR SOMETHING FOR HIM...

(SFX) RRRIINNGG

THE FIRST THING WE NEED TO DO IS FIND HIM.

HEL-LO?

Ah!! Your boyfriend!

HUH?

UH-HUH ...AND THEN ...?

He dumped you, didn't he. ^^

BIG NEWS!!

THAT GUY GOT SHOT UP AND HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL.

THAT WAS THE COPS !!

...DAMN. CAN'T YOU TURN THAT THING OFF DURING MEETINGS?

THANK GOODNESS SHE DIDN'T TURN IT OFF.

St. Christania HOSPITAL

AREN'T YOU SLEEPING WITH HIM?

WHY DID YOU CONTACT US?

I AM ROSEBANK WITH CAT.

OH, YOU ARE THE COMMAN-DER.

IT LOOKS LIKE HE WAS SHOT WITH A MACHINE GUN. IT'S A GOOD THING HE HAD ON ARMOR.

UM...BY THE WAY, MIGHT I INTERVIEW HIM?

EH? I'M WRONG?

IDIOT!! YOU THINK I'D SLEEP WITH A GUY I JUST MET LIKE THAT!?

? AND YOU ARE?

I HOPE YOU ARE FEELING BETTER, MR. JONES.

ROSEBANK OF CAT DIVISION M.

IT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

YOU'RE BACKED UP BY AN ORGANI-ZATION. WHY DON'T YOU INVESTIGATE IT YOUR-SELF?

...THEN WHY... ARE YOU MOVING AGAINST DEALERS OF A RIVAL ORGANIZATION?

WE KNOW YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE LARGEST DRUG TRAFFICKING GANG IN FLORIA CITY.

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IRENE TOLD US.

A CHEMICAL TERROR PLOT IS IN PROGRESS ...

I'D LIKE YOU TO TELL ME EVERY-THING YOU KNOW...

I AM...NO LONGER ASSOCIATED WITH THEM...

SUCH A LOYAL SIDEKICK.

ARE YOU SEEKING REVENGE FOR YOUR BOSS?

WHY YOU!!

GET OUT!!

(SFX) WHAP

WAIT, HELGA!!

YOU SHOT YOUR BOSS'S GRAND-DAUGHTER...

WE HEARD ...

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!!

SHUT UP!!

HE WAS HOLDING MY HAND...AND THAT'S WHAT REMAINED.

MY HUSBAND WAS KILLED...AND ALL THAT WAS LEFT OF MY LITTLE SON WAS HIS HAND. THE REST OF HIM WAS VAPORIZED

LONG AGO, I GOT THIS WOUND IN THE SHAPE OF A ROSE FROM A TERRORIST NAMED GRYPHON WHO EXPLODED A BOMB IN AN AIRPORT...

DAMN...

I WILL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE FIGHTING AGAINST TERRORISM..

RIGHT...

HE'S CURRENTLY VISITING RUSSIA...

HELGA !!

THEY SAY THEY WILL DESTROY AMERICA !!??

THREE DAYS FROM NOW WHEN THE PRESIDENT RETURNS?

RIGHT BEFORE HIS BRAINS SPLATTERED EVERYWHERE, THE DEALER MENTIONED SOMEONE BY THE NAME OF GRYPHON. I'M SURE OF IT...

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HELGA!! SCRAMBLE !!

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DIDN'T THEY CALL OUT ALL THE DIVISIONS?

HE'S A LEGEND.

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE FINALLY GONNA TAKE ON GRYPHON.

...LOOKS LIKE.

UH-HUH

IT SEEMS LIKE IT'LL BE A BIG DEAL.

CO-LO-NEL!!

...WHAT!?

PLEASE REPEAT THAT...

WE ARE UNABLE TO COMMENCE THE OPERATION.

GRYPHON IS GOING TO COMMIT A MAJOR ACT OF TERROR IN THREE DAYS!!

WHY?!!

FROM THE GOVERN-MENT, I MEAN.

WE HAVE NO COMMISSION.

WHY ...?

...IT CAN'T BE...

WITHOUT A COMMISSION, THE BUSINESS OFFICE CAN'T MAKE A MOVE. YOU MUST KNOW THAT...

CAT IS A CIVILIAN ORGANI-ZATION.

WE ARE AN ANTI-TERRORIST ORGANIZATION!!

CAT

CAT

PLEASE TRY TO UNDER-STAND, MARIE.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN FIGHTING FOR ALL THIS TIME??!!

IT CAN'T BE!!

THE BUREAU-CRATS ARE BEHIND THIS.

DAMN!!

CAT

CAT

FOR WHAT PURPOSE HAVE WE ALL FOUGHT AND SPILLED SO MUCH BLOOD??!!

SHIT!!

THEY'VE FOR-GOTTEN WE'RE CIVILI-ANS.

THEY ONLY USE US IF IT'S CON-VENIENT FOR THEM!!

WE ARE A CIVILIAN ORGANIZATION. AS LONG AS WE HAVE A COMMISSION, BE IT FROM A COMPANY, AN ORGANIZATION,

OR EVEN AN INDIVIDUAL, THE BUSINESS OFFICE WILL MOVE.

THERE IS A WAY.

SA-MAN-THA...

YOU MEAN... SAM...

WE CAN ALSO KEEP THE ESTIMATE LOW.

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File 28: Forever Rose (7)

MARIE

THIS CARD HAS TWO MILLION DOLLARS ON IT...IS THAT ENOUGH?

I WANT TO DESIGNATE DIVISION M TO BE IN CHARGE.

YOU'RE SO STINGY.

THIS ONE HAS 1.2 MILLION.

HERE'S FIVE HUNDRED GRAND.

COM-MAN-DER!!

THE CAT BUSINESS OFFICE IS NOW IN RECEIPT OF YOUR COMMISSION.

Oh... this is going to be a big operation...

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IS THAT OK? JUST TO TYPE IT IN LIKE THAT?

HOLD ON, SAM.

NO PROB-LEM.

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CLIENT NAME: MARIKO ROSEBANK

APPLICATION REVIEWS 1 AND 2, ALL CLEAR.

WHAT ABOUT THE LAST ONE?

WE CAN PASS THE FIRST TWO REVIEWS ON OUR ON AUTHORITY.

THERE'S NO WAY IT'LL GO THROUGH.

UH-HUH. THAT'S RIGHT...

THE FINAL REVIEW HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE CAT MANAGING DIRECTOR, THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

SAM!!

BUT I'M NOT FOOL ENOUGH TO SIT AROUND AND WAIT FOR IT TO GO THROUGH.

UNDER NORMAL CIRCUM-STANCES, NO.

S- SURELY YOU'RE NOT...

A.T.

THE PENTAGON PASSWORD IS SO SIMPLE A BABY COULD HACK IT.

IT ISN'T FOR NOTHING I'VE BEEN AN OPERATOR IN THE CAT BUSINESS OFFICE ALL THESE YEARS.

CAT

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DEPENDING ON THE CASE, ABOUT TEN YEARS.

YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

ARE YOU SURE, SAM? HACKING INTO A GOVERNMENT COMPUTER IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE.

NOT JUST MY JOB.

BUT THIS WILL COST YOU YOUR JOB.

I MEAN, I KNOW YOU'RE A HUGE FAN OF COMMANDER MARIE.

SO THEN WHY?

COMMANDER MARIE HASN'T RISKED HER LIFE TO CARRY OUT ALL THESE MISSIONS MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE.

What's up with this girl!?

I WOULD GLADLY GIVE MY LIFE TO HELP COMMANDER MARIE AND HER TEAM.

SHE HAS BEEN PURSUING GRYPHON.

IN THREE DAYS, ON THE DAY THE PRESIDENT RETURNS, GRYPHON PLANS TO CARRY OUT A MAJOR TERRORIST ATTACK.

BUT OUR BOSS THE COLONEL SAYS THAT WITHOUT A COMMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO...

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BUT THAT'S RIGHT!!

CAT IS A PRIVATE CIVILIAN ORGANI-ZATION!!

CAT

WH-WHAT'S THAT...?

CAT

CASH CARDS FROM ALL THE MEMBERS OF DIVISION M.

ALL TOGETHER, THESE REPRESENT ABOUT TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS...

THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES TO EARN THIS MONEY, AND THEY ARE THROWING IT AWAY FOR THIS ALL-IMPORTANT MISSION.

TO BRING DOWN GRYPHON...

STOP TALKING NONSENSE, SAM!!

OUR DUTY IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE IS TO ACCEPT THIS.

LISTEN!!

HERE IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE WE ASSIGN MISSIONS TO THE OPERATIONS TEAMS NO MATTER HOW HARSH THEY ARE, AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY MAY HAVE TO RISK THEIR LIVES.

THAT IS BOTH OUR GLORY AND OUR BURDEN AS AN ANTI-TERRORISM ORGANIZATION.

IF THOSE GIRLS ARE WILLING RISK THEIR LIVES OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, I AM PREPARED TO SUFFER WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES ARE TO SUPPORT THEM.

AS A CAT OPERATOR, I CAN NEVER FORGIVE TERRORISM, AND THAT IS WHY I WANT TO ISSUE THESE ORDERS.

(SFX) CLAP CLAP CLAP

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WE COULDN'T STOP OURSELVES FROM EAVES-DROPPING.

MORE CONVINCING THAN AN ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

THAT WAS QUITE A SPEECH.

CAT

RIGHT

UH-HUH

WE WILL SUPPORT THEM AS WELL.

IF SAM IS PREPARED TO DO THIS,

EVERY-ONE...

THANK YOU...

FIRE EXIT

URK...

TAXI!

GOT IT.

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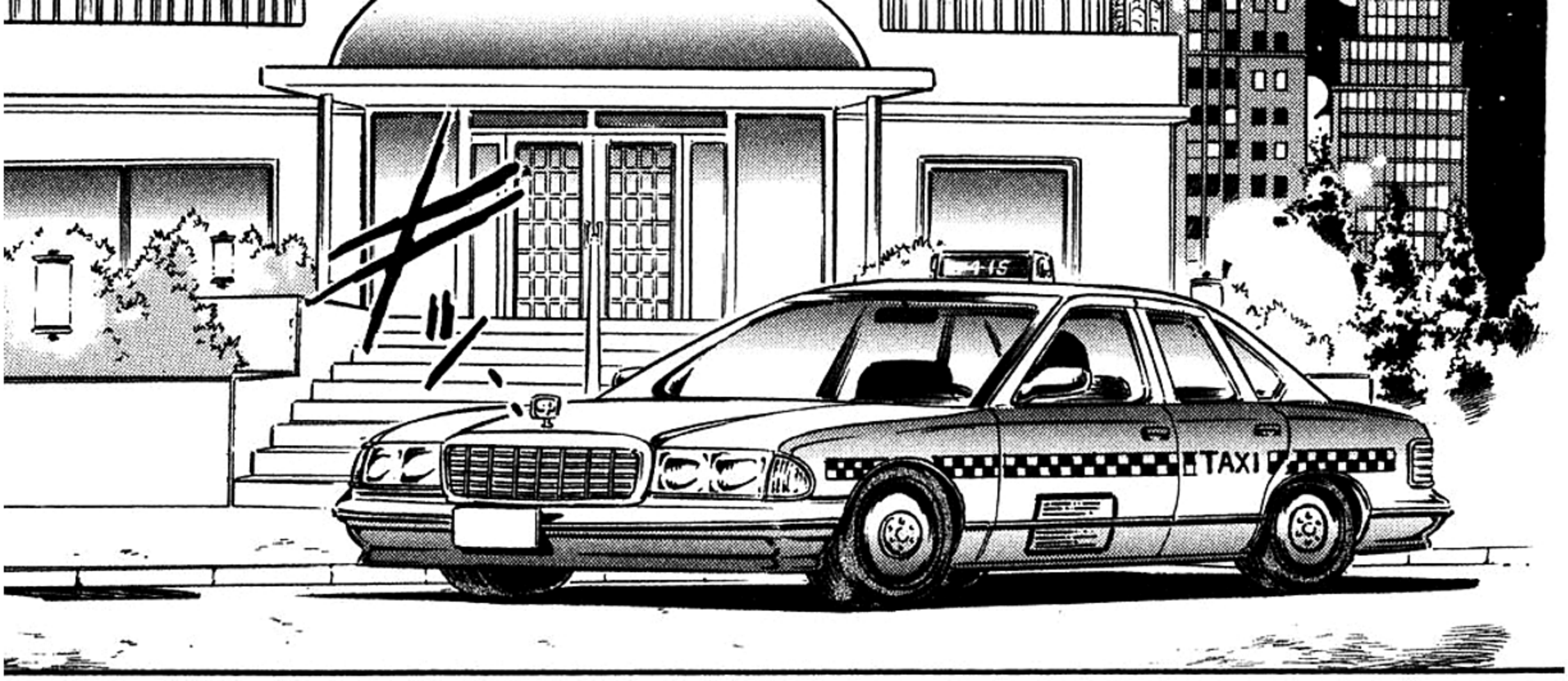
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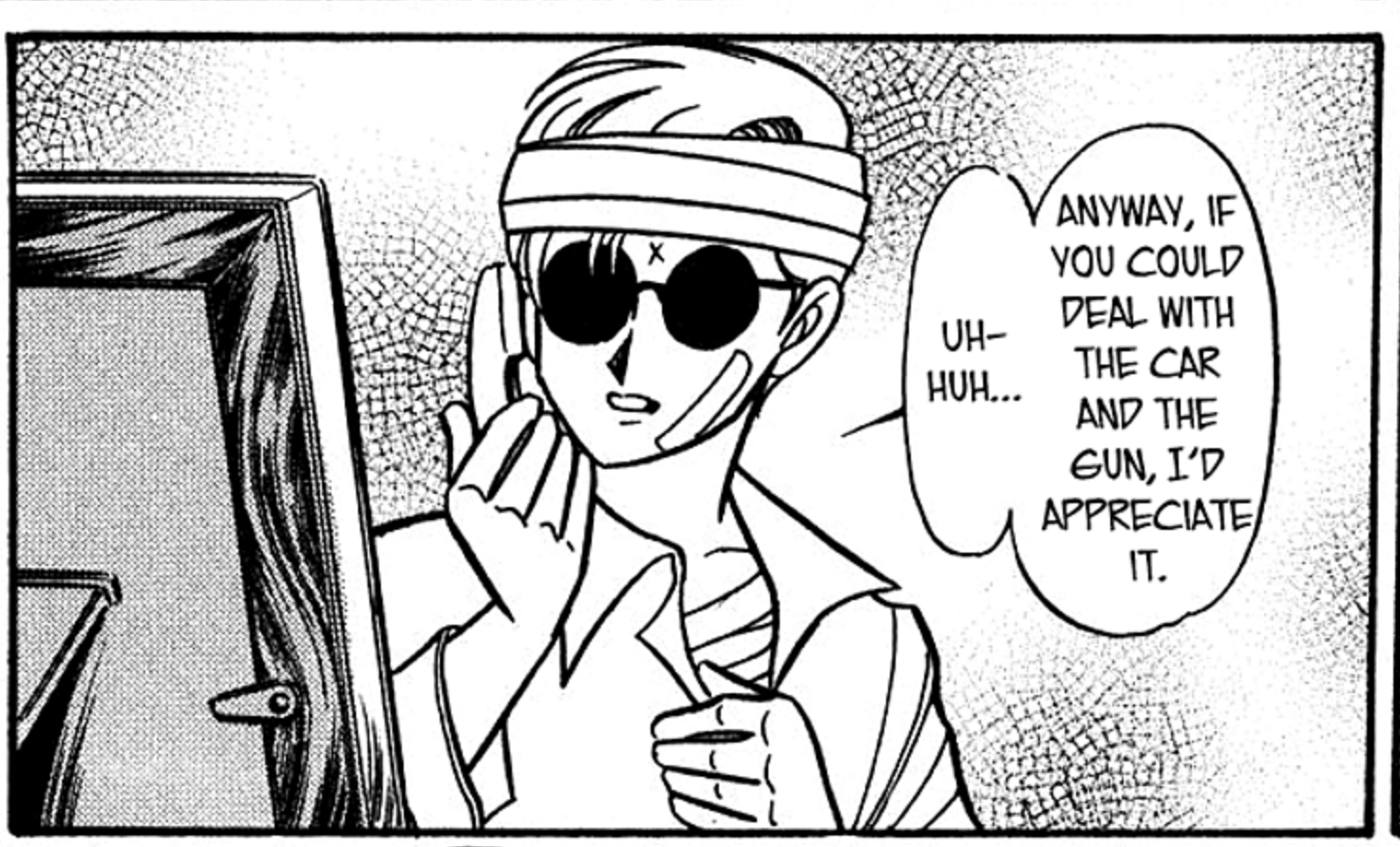
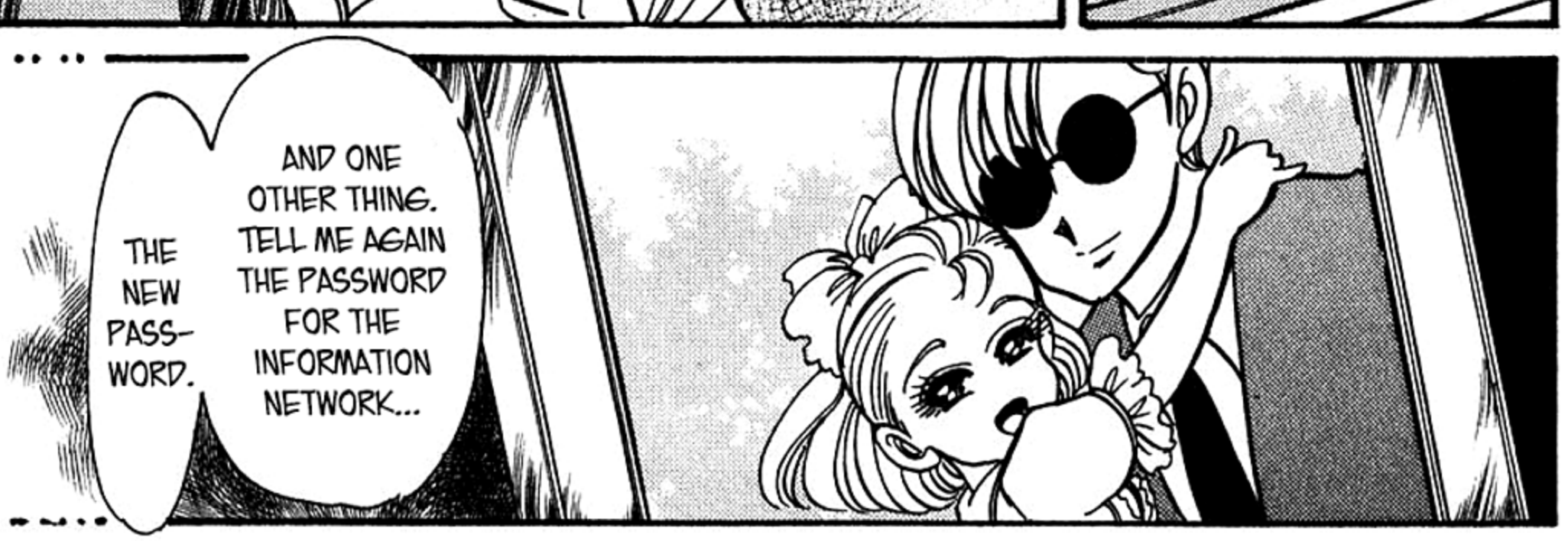
DON'T WORRY.
NO...IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL.

HEY...IT'S ME. I HAD SOME TROUBLE AND COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH SOONER.


UH-HUH...
ANYWAY, IF YOU COULD DEAL WITH THE CAR AND THE GUN, I'D APPRECIATE IT.


THE NEW PASS-WORD.
AND ONE OTHER THING. TELL ME AGAIN THE PASSWORD FOR THE INFORMATION NETWORK...

OK!!
GOT IT.

(SFX)
RRINNGG

HELLO?

WHAT
WAS THAT
ABOUT?

JONES HAS
DISAPPEARED
FROM THE
HOSPITAL.

WHAT SHOULD
WE DO? I DON'T
THINK THERE'S
ANY REASON
NOW TO GO TO
THE HOSPITAL
WHERE HE WAS
STAYING.

HOW
CARELESS
COULD
THEY BE?

THE
POLICE
DIDN'T
PLACE
HIM
UNDER
SURVEIL-
LANCE?

LET'S GO BACK TO MY PLACE.

MAYBE COLLEEN CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT.

NORMALLY NO MORE OFTEN THAN ABOUT EVERY THREE DAYS.

DO THEY CHANGE PASSWORDS THAT OFTEN ON THE UNDERGROUND INFORMATION NETWORK?

NO GOOD. EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE FILES HAVE A NEW PASSWORD.

MARIE

THERE'S NOT A THING I CAN DO.

THEN MAYBE A TRAIN STATION ...OR A STADIUM ...

IT'S NOT AN AIRPORT WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN CONGREGATE.

THE PRESIDENT WILL LAND AT A MILITARY AIRBASE AND GO BY CHOPPER TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

UH-HUH... BUT THERE'S A KEY TO IT SOMEWHERE. WE HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT.

JONES HAD TOO FEW SOURCES...IT'S DIFFICULT TO JUDGE.

THE PRESIDENT RETURNING.

IN THREE DAYS...

THIS IS GRYPHON'S OPERATION.

CHEMICAL TERROR... AND IT WILL DESTROY AMERICA

I MEAN... SHE'S A PROFESSIONAL HACKER.

TOMORROW I'M SURE SAM WILL HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR US.

MARIE

HMM...NORMALLY... PLACES WHERE PEOPLE CONGREGATE... I GUESS.

IF YOU WANTED TO COMMIT CHEMICAL TERRORISM, WHAT WOULD YOU TARGET?

SAY... HELGA

EH?

AH...I'M SORRY.

IS THERE SOME KIND OF BIG EVENT?

AND WHERE WILL PEOPLE BE CONGREGATING IN THREE DAYS?

MAYBE... THE AIRPORT?

THE PRESIDENT IS RETURNING THAT DAY.

HMM...THE EASIEST WOULD BE GAS OR POISON...

ALSO, BIOLO-GICAL AGENTS...

WHAT DRUGS MIGHT BE USED FOR CHEMICAL TERROR?

I HEARD FROM LIN. SHE'S ON THE HONG KONG NET AND SOME INFORMATION FROM THE NETWORK HERE HAS SPILLED OVER THERE.

COM-MANDER !!

LIN IS?

The stingy old bag!!

IS NOT WILLING TO TELL US THEIR PASS-WORDS.

IT IS A CONVENTION IN THE UNDER-WORLD.

WELL...

UH-HUH. THE HONG KONG GANG...

(SFX) RRINNG

HELLO

AHH. LIN, IT'S ME.

I JUST TALKED TO COL-LEEN.

SO... WHAT IS YOUR INFOR-MATION?

BUT I'VE GOT SOME ON THAT WEIRD DRUG.

THEY SENT IT BY FAX, AND I HAVE IT NOW.

THERE ISN'T ANY INFORMATION ABOUT TERRORISM.

THANK YOU. THAT'S A BIG HELP.

BE CAREFUL COMING OVER HERE.

I THINK SHE WANTS TO COME OVER...

WE HAVE A FAX MACHINE HERE...

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HUH?

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KYAH!!

RAIN?

HEY!!

AH...

WHAT... IS THIS

IT SUD-DENLY TURNED INTO A RIVER!!

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HEY!

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AHH

WHAT'S WITH THEM?

UWAH!

DID THEY RUP-TURE ...?

THE WATER PIPES...

DIDN'T THEY COME HERE TO REPAIR THE PIPE?

BUT...IT WAS THE WATER COMPANY'S TRUCKS THAT RAN OFF.

I'LL LEND YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, SO GO TAKE A SHOWER AT ONCE.

I HAVE NO IDEA. THE ROAD WAS LIKE A RIVER.

THE WATER COMPANY DESTROYED ITS OWN PIPE AND RAN OFF? WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

EH!?

AH... THANK YOU.

HERE'S A PRESENT FOR YOU.

THANKS

I WANTED TO COME OVER. DON'T BE SO MEAN!

YOU COULD HAVE AVOIDED ALL THIS TROUBLE BY HAVING THEM SEND THE FAX HERE.

COMMANDER!! HERE IS THE FAX FROM HONG KONG.

COL-LEEN, WHAT IS THAT?

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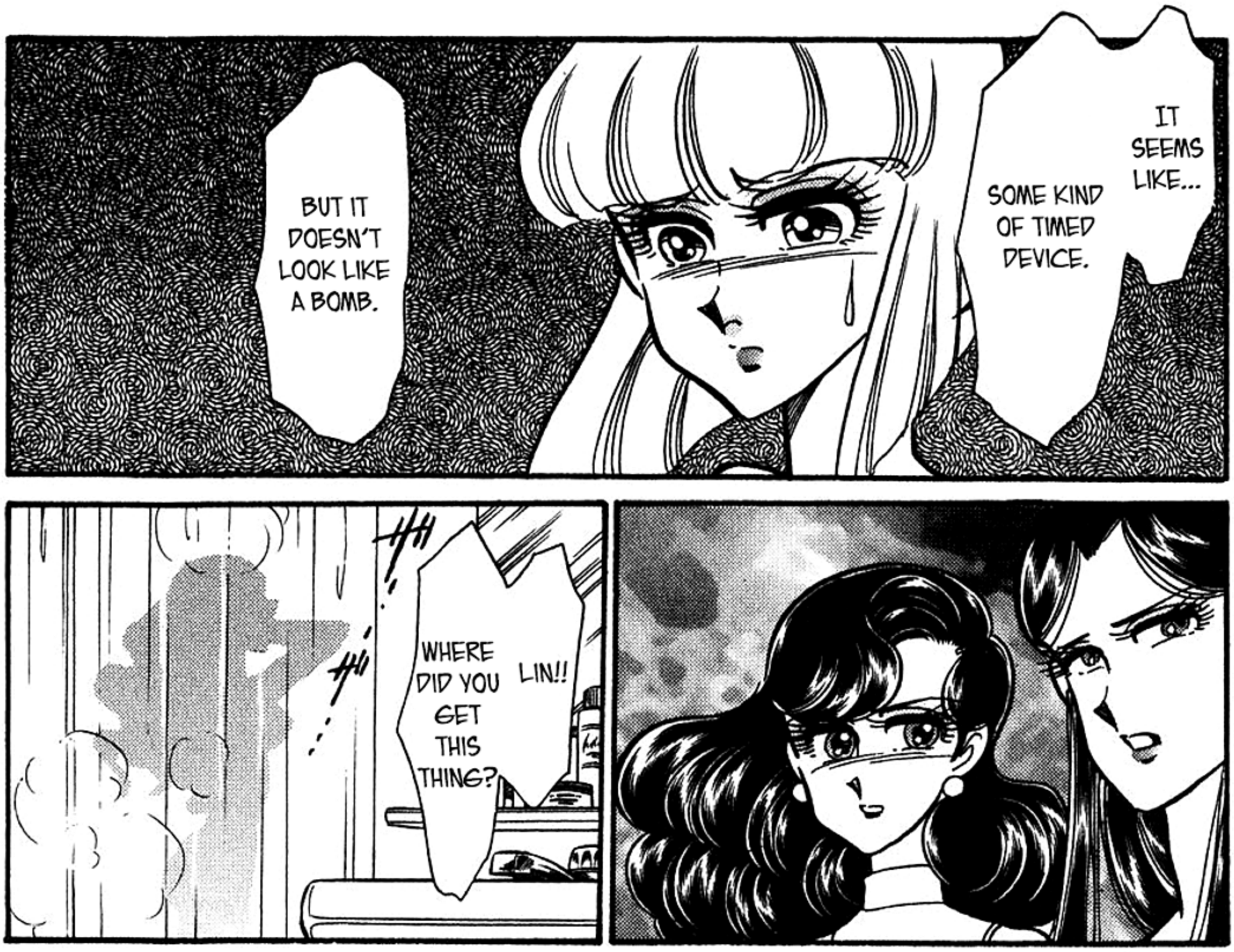
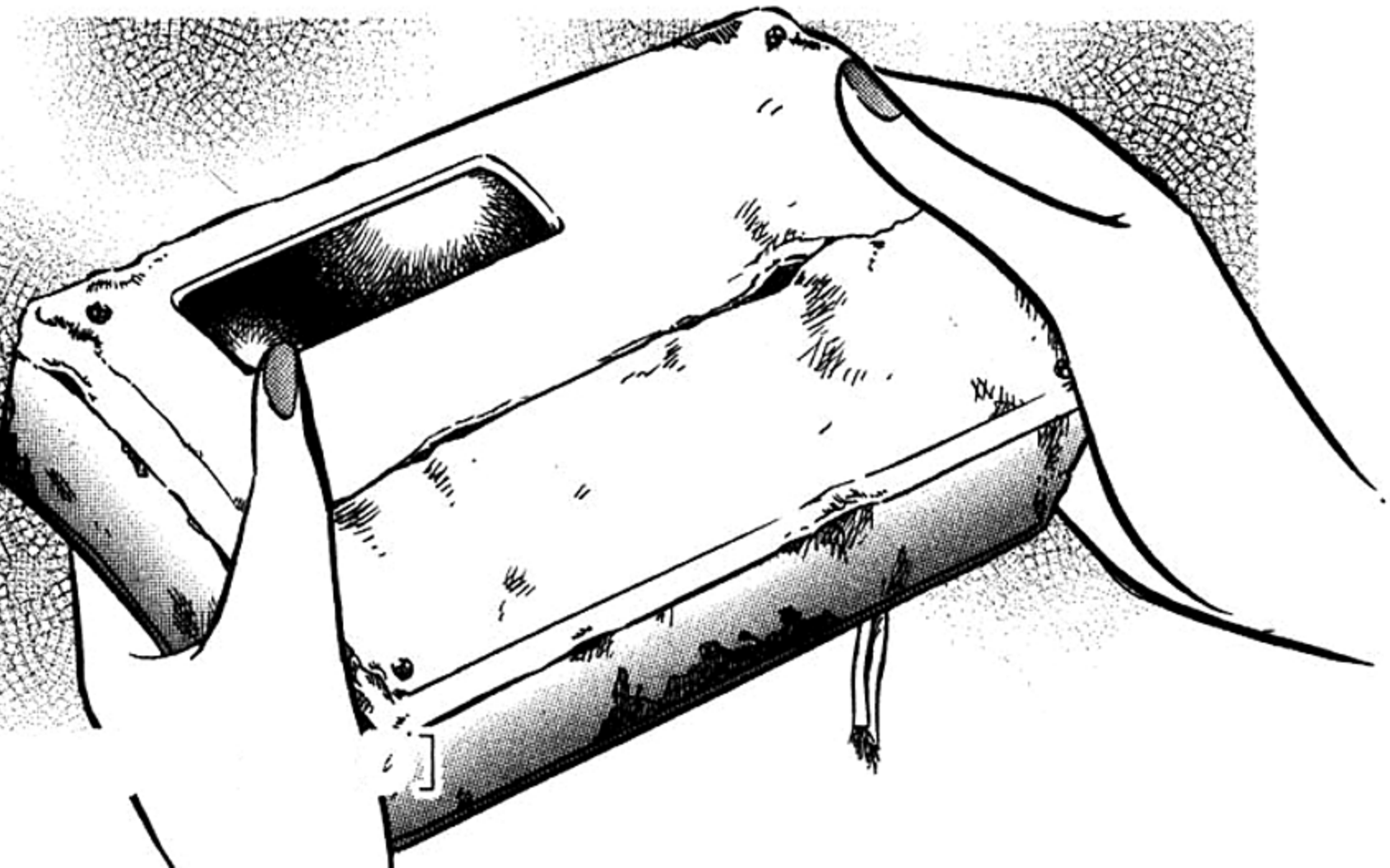
GOOD WORK.


BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A BOMB.
IT SEEMS LIKE...
SOME KIND OF TIMED DEVICE.
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS THING?
LIN!!

I THOUGHT I MIGHT RETURN IT TO THE WATER COMPANY AND GIVE THEM A PIECE OF MY MIND WHILE I WAS AT IT.
IT WAS SWIMMING AROUND IN ALL THAT WATER.



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WHAT'S THIS?

WHY'S THIS ROLLING AROUND HERE?

AH... THIS IS THE WORST.

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WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'RE SOAKING!!

GOOD-NESS, LIN!!

COLLEEN, BRING A TOWEL.

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File-28: Forever Rose-(8)

POISON IN THE DRINK-ING WATER !?

NO...THE CYLINDER IS DOUBTLESS COMPRESSED AIR...

IS THAT THE POISON?

THIS IS A CT SCAN. YOU CAN SEE THE CYLINDER INSIDE.

THE COMPRESSED AIR SQUIRTS THE STUFF IN THE NEXT CHAMBER INTO THE WATER PIPE.

WHEN THE TIMER GOES OFF, A VALVE OPENS.

PROBABLY THEY WERE THE TERRORISTS WHO PUT THIS THERE.

THEN...THEN... THE WATER COMPANY EMPLOYEES THAT LIN SAW...

BUT... MARIE !!

THAT WOULD CAUSE NATIONWIDE PANIC. PROBABLY EXACTLY WHAT THE TERRORISTS WANT...

BUT ...!!

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HURRY! WE HAVE TO CONTACT THE WATER COMPANY AND SHUT OFF THE WATER.

DO YOU PLAN TO CUT OFF THE WATER SUPPLY TO ALL OF AMERICA?

!!

AND IF SOMEONE PLANTS A BOMB WHERE THEY CON-GREGATE...

IF THE WATER SUPPLY IS CUT OFF OR IF THEY BELIEVE IT IS CONTAMINATED, THE PEOPLE WILL DEMAND SAFE WATER.

TERRORIST PRINCIPLES AND THINKING ARE ALWAYS VILE.

VILE!!

THIS IS... HELL.

BUT...WOULDN'T IT BE MORE EFFECTIVE TO TOSS IT DIRECTLY IN RESERVOIRS THAN IN ALL THE WATER PIPES...?

NOWADAYS BEFORE WATER IS SENT INTO THE PIPES, IT IS CHECKED MANY TIMES OVER.

POISING A WATER SUPPLY AT ITS SOURCE IS NOT AS EFFECTIVE AS IT USED TO BE...

I WENT AHEAD AND CONTACTED SEVERAL WATER COMPANIES IN MAJOR CITIES.

COM-MAN-DER!!

IN A MONTH, MAYBE FIVE OR SIX TIMES THAT NUMBER.

THIS WEEK ALONE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THERE ARE OVER TEN THOUSAND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON THE WATER MAINS.

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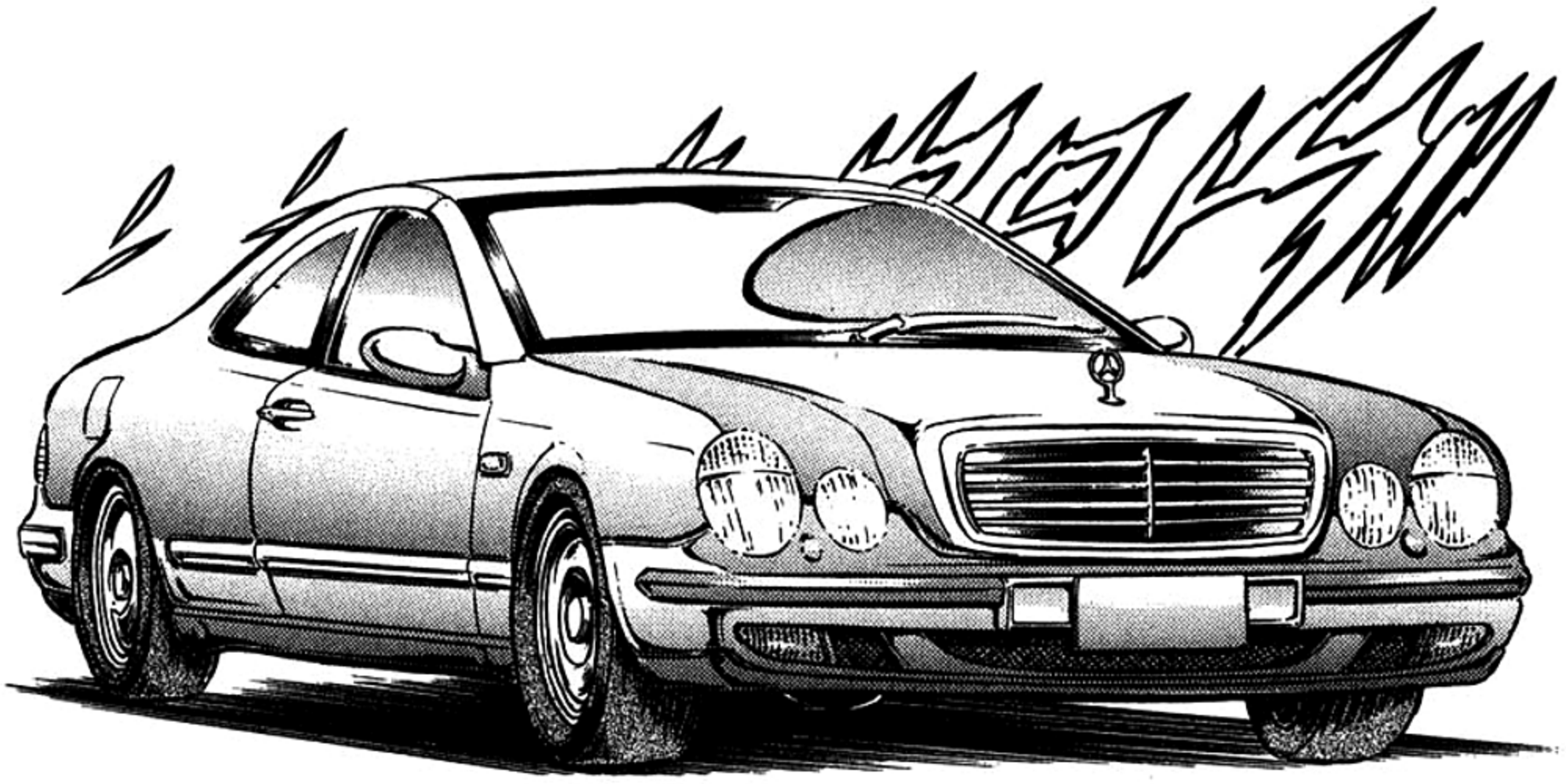
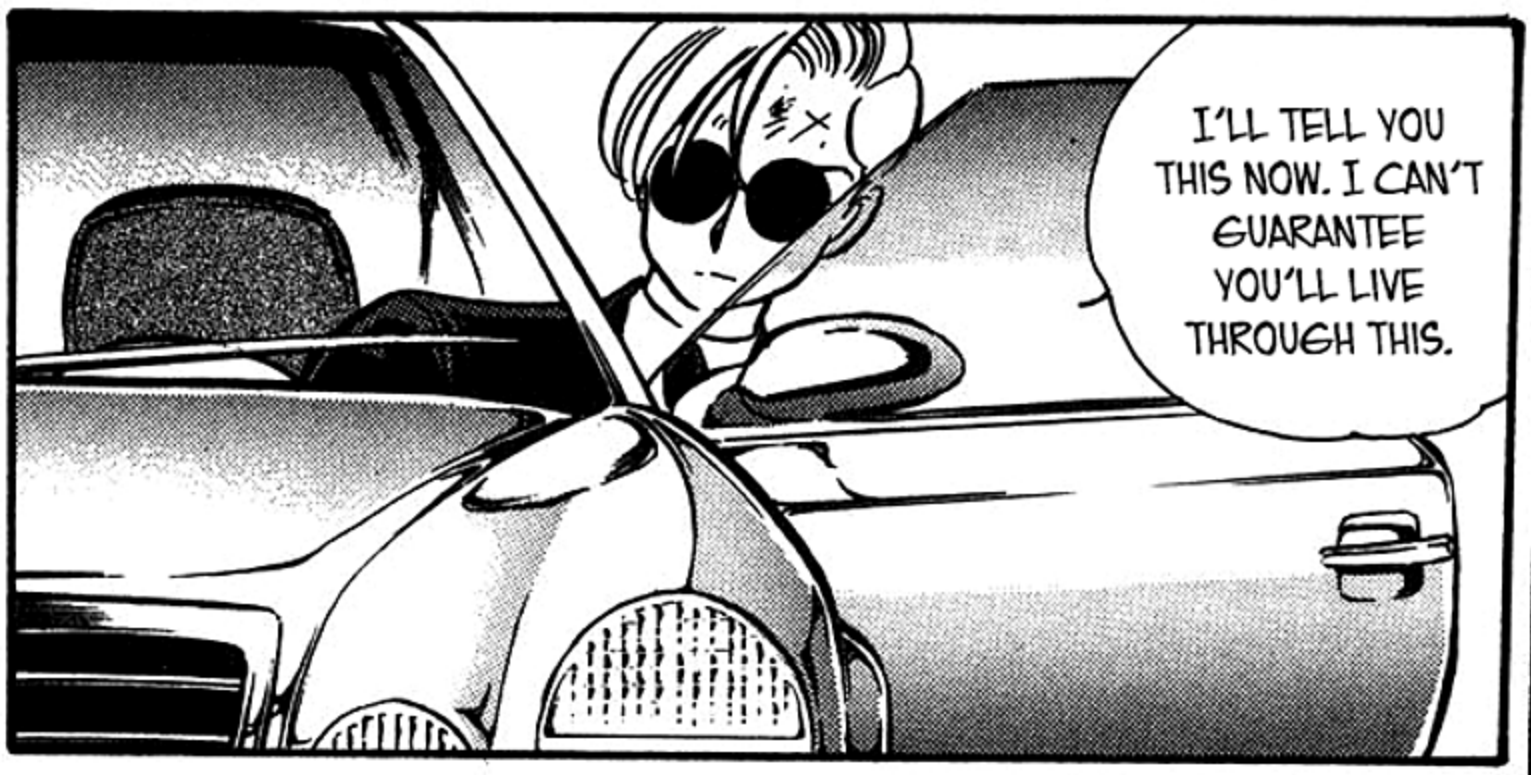
I CAN'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

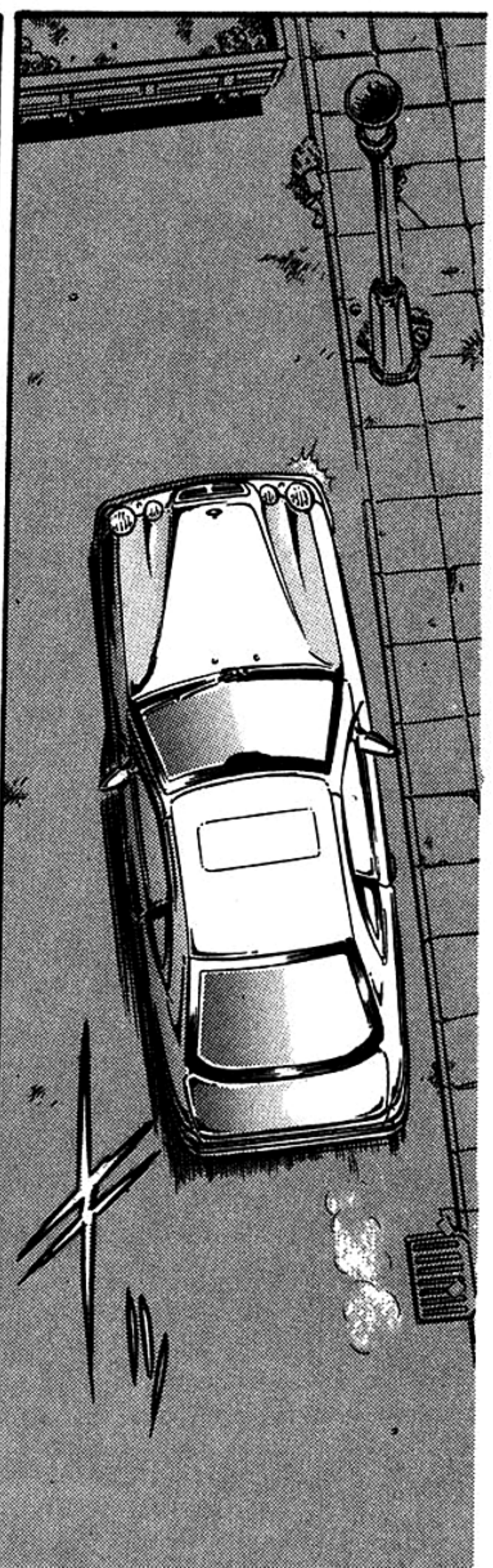
TO CHECK ALL OF THEM IN TWO DAYS...

MARIE

COM-MAN-DER...




I'LL TELL YOU THIS NOW. I CAN'T GUARANTEE YOU'LL LIVE THROUGH THIS.



LETTING MYSELF BE DISCOVERED LEAVING MY PLACE WAS A DEFINITELY A SCREWUP.
...SHIT

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.
I AM THE COMMANDER OF DIVISION M'S ATTACK SQUAD AFTER ALL.

THERE?

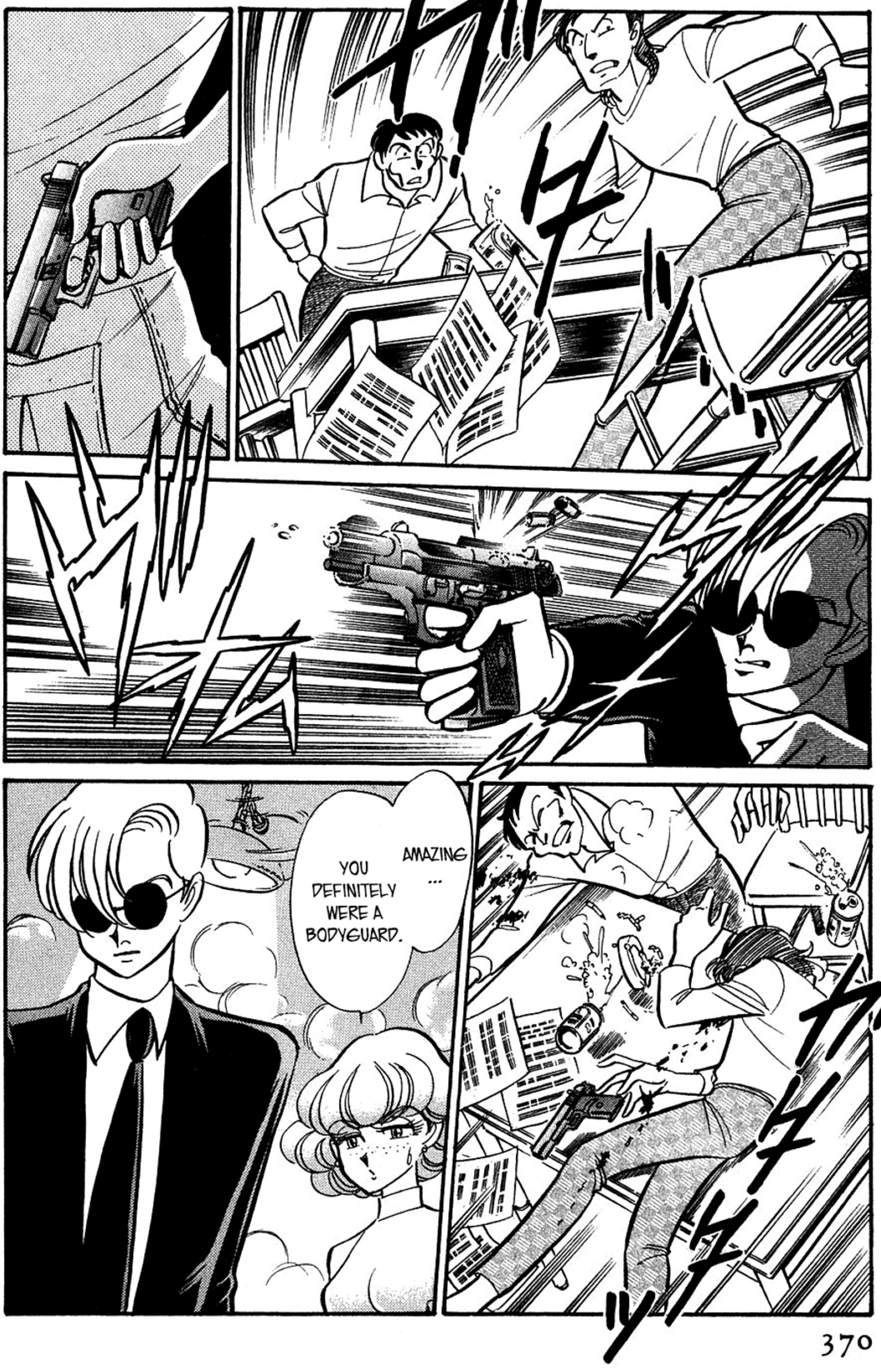
ACCORD-ING TO THE INFORMATION NET, IT'S THAT ROOM.

THERE SHOULD BE TWO PEOPLE IN THERE.

DO YOU TRUST THAT INFO?

THEN... IT'S ALL GOOD, RIGHT?

I TRUST IT MORE THAN I WOULD TRUST A PRESIDENTIAL AIDE.


AMAZING ...
YOU DEFINITELY WERE A BODYGUARD.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU KILL HIM?

WE'RE HERE TO GET INFO ON GRYPHON, AREN'T WE?

H- HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

ONE MOUTH IS ALL I NEED.

I DON'T REALLY CARE.

TAKE YOUR PICK. TALK OR DIE.

UH... UWAH...

S- STOP. I'LL TALK. JUST CUT IT OUT...

WH- WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

WHO WAS THE PERSON THAT SENT "GREEN BLOOD" TO THE TURNER RESIDENCE?

AND WHICH GANG ORDERED IT?

C.A.T

(SFX) RRINNGG

HELLO?

OH, IRENE! WHERE ARE YOU?

COMMANDER!! THE ANALYSIS IS COMPLETE.

AH...JUST A MINUTE.

IRENE, WHERE ARE YOU LOAFING AROUND?

AH... OKAY.

IT'S IRENE. YOU TALK TO HER FOR ME.

MA ...!!

WAIT, ARE YOU SURE?

EH?

BUT HE SAYS GRYPHON IS AT A TELEVISION STATION!!

YMB...OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!! JONES HAS GONE OVER THERE!!

I'M FEELING A LITTLE WOOZY AND CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT.

JONES SUDDENLY LIT INTO ME.

THE PRESIDENT IS LEAVING PRECISELY ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE.

HMM... UNDER-STOOD.

Y.M.B.

AS YOU JUST HEARD, THE PRESIDENT IS RETURNING TOMORROW AT 8:00 AM AS SCHEDULED.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN ...

YMB

YMB

SEEM NOT TO HAVE NOT DETECTED OUR OPERATION, SO FAR AS I'VE HEARD...

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP IT NOW.

WE'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR THREE YEARS.

A SUBLIMINAL MESSAGE EVERY TEN SECONDS FOR 0.2 SECONDS.

YMB MORNING NEWS

AT TEN MINUTES AFTER FIVE WE WILL BEGIN BROAD-CASTING.

TOMORROW AT FIVE A.M. THE VALVES ON THE BOTTLES WILL OPEN.

"GREEN BLOOD" WILL FLOW THROUGH THE WATER PIPES INTO HOMES EVERY-WHERE.

BY FIVE-THIRTY THE FIRST HOMES WILL BE KILLING EACH OTHER.

AS THE PRESI-DENT APPROACHES THE SKIES OF AMERICA, THE PEOPLE WILL BE KILLING EACH OTHER IN THE STREETS.

FACE WASHING, SHOWERS, COFFEE. IN THE MORNING THERE IS NOT A HOUSEHOLD THAT DOESN'T USE WATER.

(SFX) KU KU KU...

BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND FIVE, NO ONE IS TO ENTER THE STATION. WE LEAVE AS SOON AS THE BROADCAST STARTS.

BELOW HIM HE WILL ENJOY A GRAND VIEW OF HELL BENEATH HIM.

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THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO DIVISION M'S PARTY!

I'M HAPPY I GOT THIS JOB BEFORE I RETIRED.

I GOT YOU ALL THE DIVISIONS THAT WERE LAZING AROUND DOING NOTHING, SO FEEL FREE TO ABUSE THEM.

SAM! THESE ARE THE BEST DIVISIONS IN CAT.

NOW... MARIE! ORDERS!

AS VIOLENT AS YOU LIKE!

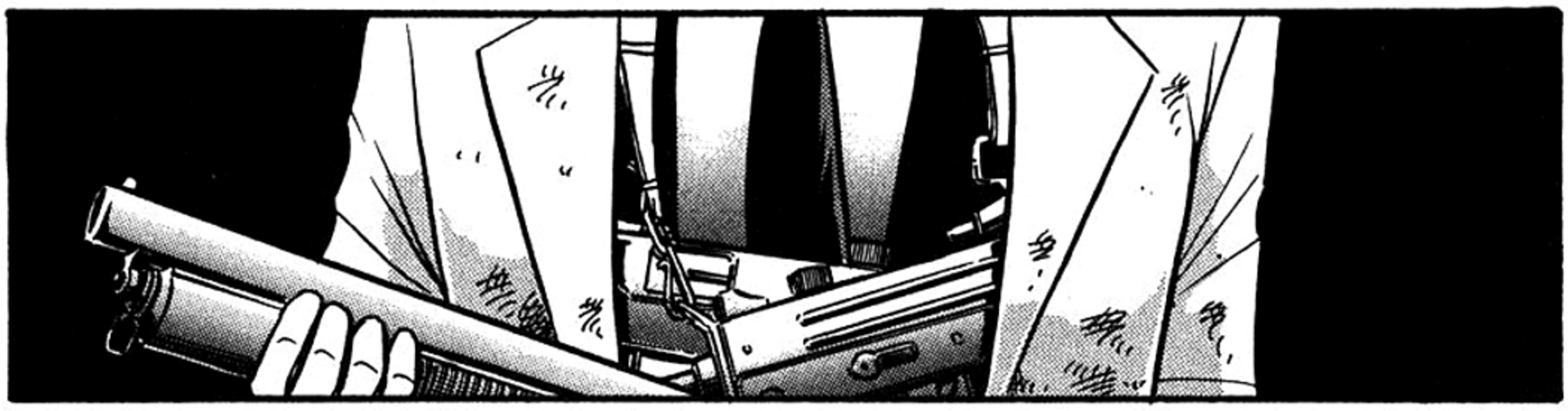
GIVE US ORDERS!

(LARGE SFX) OHHH!

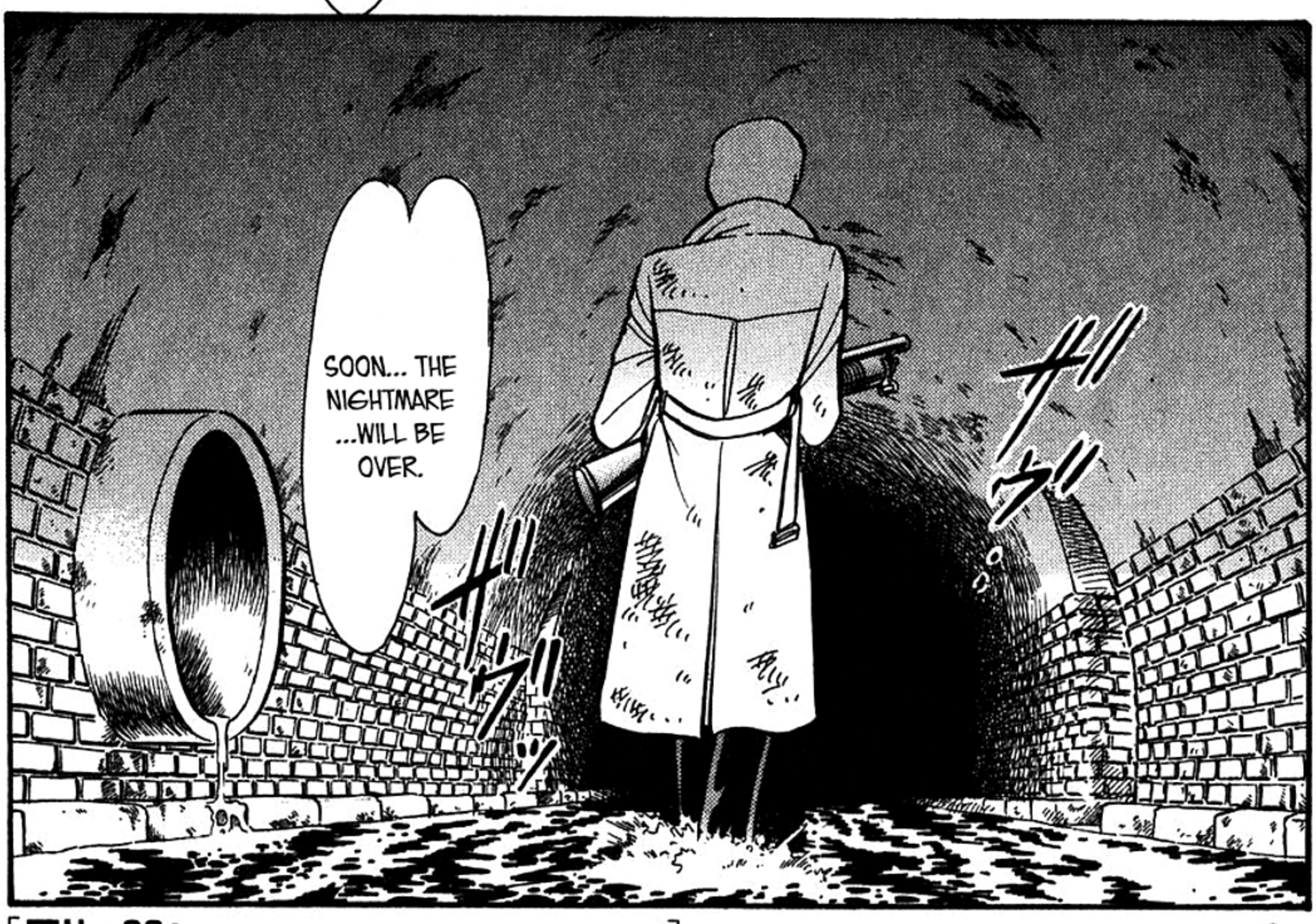
DIVISION M!! OPERATION COMMENCES AT —2305— HOURS!

FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, ALL ATTACK ORDERS COME FROM ME. THIS IS THE OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION OF MARIKO ROSEBANK!!

THANK YOU...ALL OF YOU.



KATHERINE, SOON...


SOON... THE NIGHTMARE ...WILL BE OVER.
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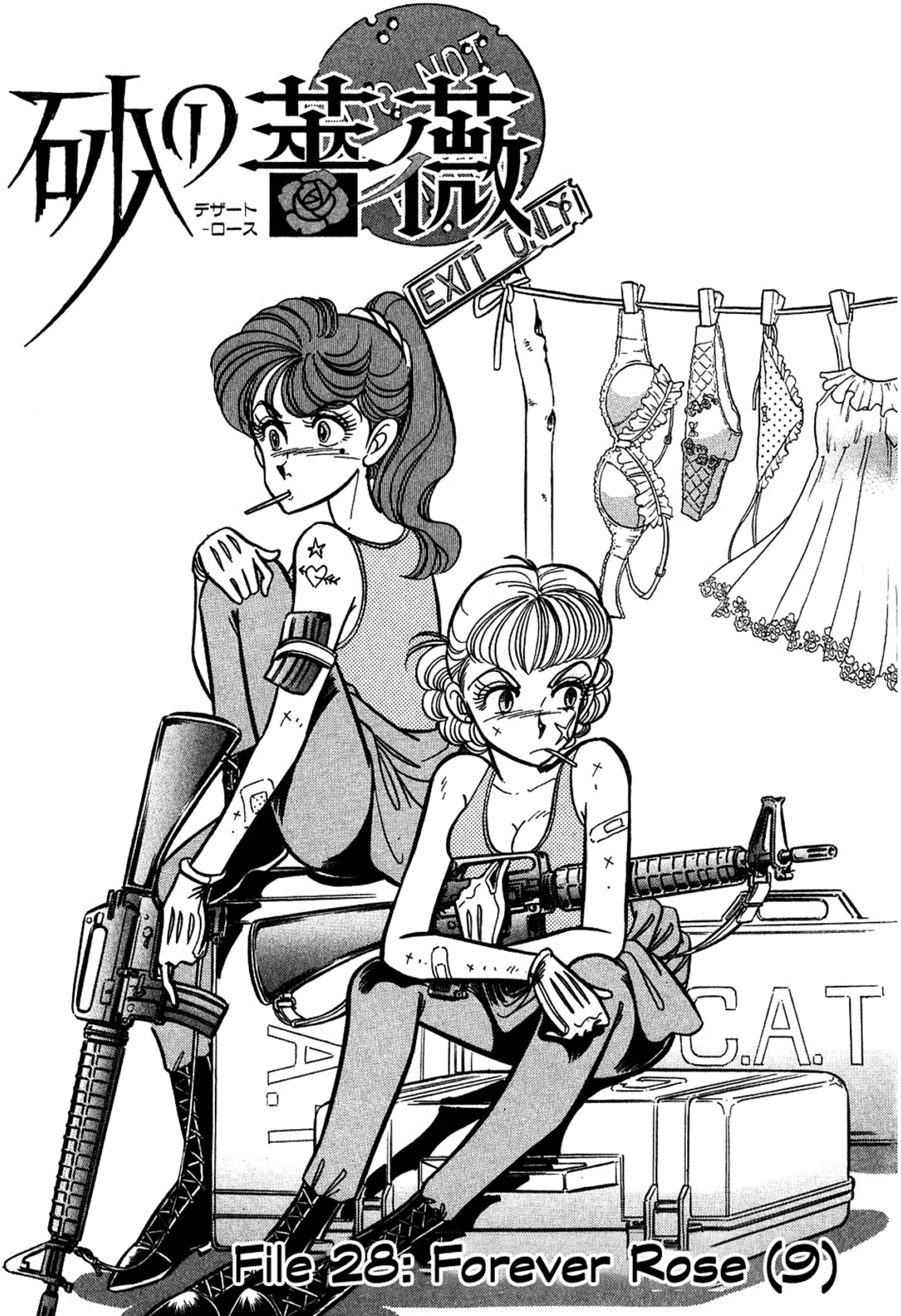

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AND ANOTHER THING...ONCE THIS DEVICE HAS BEEN ATTACHED TO THE WATER LINE AND THE TIMER ACTIVATED, A WATER PRESSURE SENSOR ACTIVATES AS WELL.

IF IT IS THEN DETACHED OR THE WATER SHUT OFF, THE VALVE OPENS INSTANTLY AND INJECTS THE "GREEN BLOOD" INTO THE REMAINING WATER.

T-TWENTY THOU-SAND ...

THIS CONTAINER ALONE HAS ENOUGH TO DRIVE TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE INSANE...

WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE SUBSTANCE INSIDE THE CONTAINER.

IT'S 90% PURE "GREEN BLOOD".

HOW MUCH PLAY DOES THE SENSOR ALLOW?

JESSICA!!

MARIE

PROBABLY IN THE RANGE OF DOUBLE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.

UH-HUH

IF THE SENSOR ACTIVATED TOO EASILY IT MIGHT OPEN THE VALVE BY MISTAKE.

THE PRESSURE IN A WATER LINE IS NOT ALWAYS THAT CONSTANT.

DOUBLE... OKAY

THEN... USING TELEVISION BROADCASTS THEY WILL INSTILL FEAR IN THE POPULACE SO THAT PEOPLE WILL BEGIN SLAUGHTERING EACH OTHER.

STARTING AT FIVE O'CLOCK A.M. THE DEVICES WILL INJECT "GREEN BLOOD" INTO THE WATERLINES AND IT WILL FLOW INTO HOUSEHOLDS EVERYWHERE.

SIMPLE...

JAM THE BROAD-CASTS.

CUT OFF THE WATER. CUT OFF THE ELEC-TRICITY.

HOW DO WE STOP IT?

THAT WILL CAUSE WIDE-SPREAD PANIC.

AND BLOCK INFORMATIONAL BROADCASTS...

IF WE CUT OFF THE WATER AND ELECTRICITY ...

!

WE COULD END UP CAUSING THE TRAGEDY OURSELVES.

HE IS PROBABLY EXPECTING CUTS TO THE WATER SUPPLY OR BLACKOUTS.

GRYPHON USUALLY SETS HIS TRAPS TWO OR THREE LAYERS DEEP.

THEN...WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

I'VE MANAGED TO NARROW IT DOWN TO UNDER FIVE HUNDRED LOCATIONS.

COM-MANDER MARIE!!

NO CUTS TO THE WATER OR POWER OUTAGES... AND OF COURSE NO RADIO JAMMING...

FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY... HUH...

BY CROSS CHECKING WATER COMPANY DATA WITH POLICE PATROL DATA...

IT WAS JUST AS YOU SAID.

BUT THAT ALSO MEANS INSERTING A DEVICE INTO EVERY WATER SUPPLY PIPE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE AS WELL.

CHECKING EVERY WATER PIPE IN EVERY CITY IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.

MARIE, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

THE PUBLIC MUST REMAIN COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION ...

THAT'S THE KEY TO OUR PLAN.

BINGO !!

WATER MAINS!!

PLUS IF THE WATER PRESSURE FLUCTUATED TOO MUCH, IT WOULD SET OFF THE TIMERS, SO THEY CAN'T HAVE USED BRANCH PIPES!!

PATROL CARS ROUTINELY CHECK ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

WITH DATA FROM CITY PATROL CARS.

I ASKED SAM TO CORRELATE DATA ABOUT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT WATER COMPANIES...

WHAT PLAN IS THIS...?

I SEE...

BY MATCHING WATER COMPANY DATA WITH PATROL CAR JOURNALS, YOU CAN ELIMINATE THE PLACES WHERE NO CONSTRUCTION ACTUALLY HAPPENED.

WE'VE ALREADY CONTACTED THE VARIOUS CITY WATER COMPANIES AND THEY SHOULD BE BEGINNING THE PLAN ABOUT NOW.

HERE IS A MAP.

THEY CAN BE REPLACED WHILE MAINTAINING WATER PRESSURE.

BY BLOCKING THE WATER MAINS WITH HIGH-PRESSURE BALLOONS...

WHAT ABOUT THE RADIO BROAD-CASTS?

IT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE PLAN.

AND THEY WON'T NEED TO SHUT DOWN THE WATER SUPPLY TO DO IT.

...THAT...

C.A.T MANUAL

WILL REQUIRE BRUTE FORCE!!

DAWN WILL COME...IN TWO HOURS...

(SFX) KNOCK KNOCK

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FAREWELL TO THIS COUNTRY...

Y.M.B

TRAFFIC HAS STOPPED MOVING ON THE SURROUNDING STREETS.

WHAT IS IT?

!

THE MILITARY... OR MAYBE CAT...FU FU FU FU...

WHOEVER IT IS, WE HAVE A SPECIAL BROADCAST PREPARED JUST FOR THEM.

TELL EVERYONE TO CARRY OUT ORDERS ACCORDING TO PLAN.

ROGER

SPECIAL FORCES ARE ON THEIR WAY.

THEY WILL ENJOY IT SO MUCH.

AD-FREE ...

.....

!!!

OK... THANKS

WE'VE HEARD FROM A TO C THAT THE WATER MAINS ARE ALMOST FINISHED. THE EXPLOSIVES HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED...

THE REST IS UP TO US.

SO OF COURSE ...

A LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS WOULD JUST BE IN THE WAY.

IS OUR TEAM ENOUGH?

GRYPHON IS JUST A BONUS.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? FIGHTING TERROR IS OUR JOB.

TRUTH BE TOLD, I SHOULD PROBABLY BE GOING IN BY MYSELF. BUT...SORRY.

THANK YOU, HELGA.

?

I NEED TO HAND THESE OUT.

AH... JUST A MINUTE.

(SFX) KER-CHAK

NOW, LET'S GET THIS THING STARTED.

!!

WHAT ...!?

COM-
MAN-
DER!!

ARMY
TROOPS.
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

WH-
WHAT?
HEY!!

I AM LIEUTENANT COLONEL HANK RILEY, SPECIAL FORCES SECOND BATTALION, ARMY DIVISION ONE.

THAT'S
ME...

IS YOUR
COMMANDER
HERE?

HEY!!

WE
AREN'T
OUT OF
DANGER
YET.

ON
BEHALF
OF THE
ENTIRE
MILITARY,
I WOULD
LIKE TO
THANK
YOU.

I COMMEND
YOU ON YOUR
EXCELLENT
JUDGEMENT
AND PRECISE
RESPONSE THAT
HAS SAVED THE
UNITED STATES
FROM DANGER.

PLEASE STAND DOWN...

YOU CAN LEAVE THE CLEANUP TO US.

DON'T TALK NONSENSE!

THAT'S NUTS!!

STOP!! JUST A MINUTE!

AH... HEY!!

STORM THE PLACE!!

DON'T WORRY!! WE ARE NOT AMATEURS.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL!! WAIT JUST A MINUTE!!

HHHH!!

COM-MAN-DER!

THOSE GUYS ARE...

H- HEY! WHAT!?

MARIE!

LOBBY INVASION

THE TERRORISTS ARE OFFERING NO RESISTANCE.

WE'RE ASCENDING TO THE SECOND FLOOR!!

SEARCH THEM OUT ON THE DOU-BLE!!

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YNE

FOR A BUILDING LIKE THIS WE SHOULDN'T NEED MORE THAN THIRTY MINUTES.

ATTACKING FROM ABOVE AND BELOW TOWARDS THE CENTER.

MARIE

.....

HMM.

ARMY SPECIAL FORCES HAVE ENTERED THE BUILDING.

THEN...

IT'S TIME TO AIR THE SPECIAL BROADCAST.

UH...

HE'S RIGHT NEXT TO YOU...KILL HIM!

HEY

KILL HIM BEFORE HE...KILLS YOU!

THERE'S AN ENEMY NEXT TO YOU.

ENEMY... ENEMY!

WH- WHAT?

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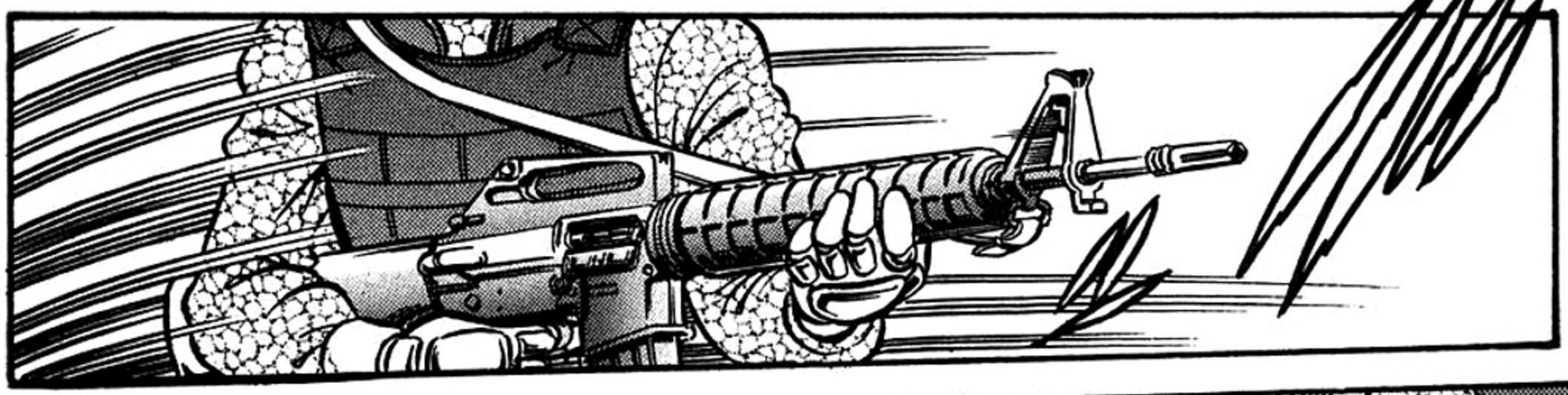
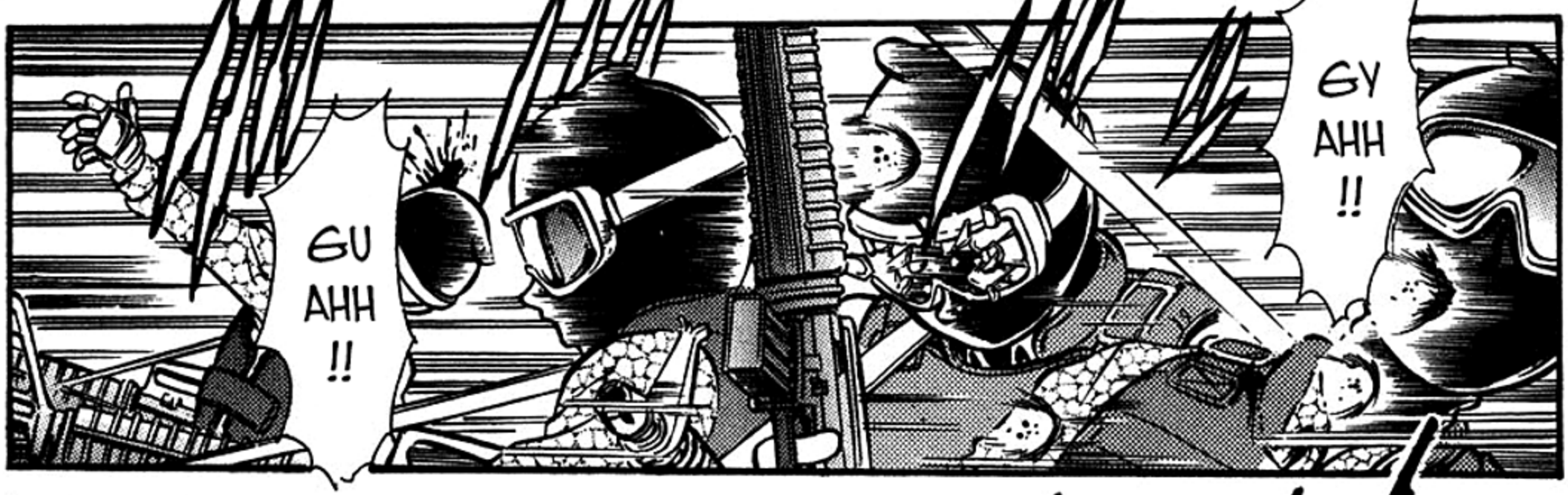
EH?

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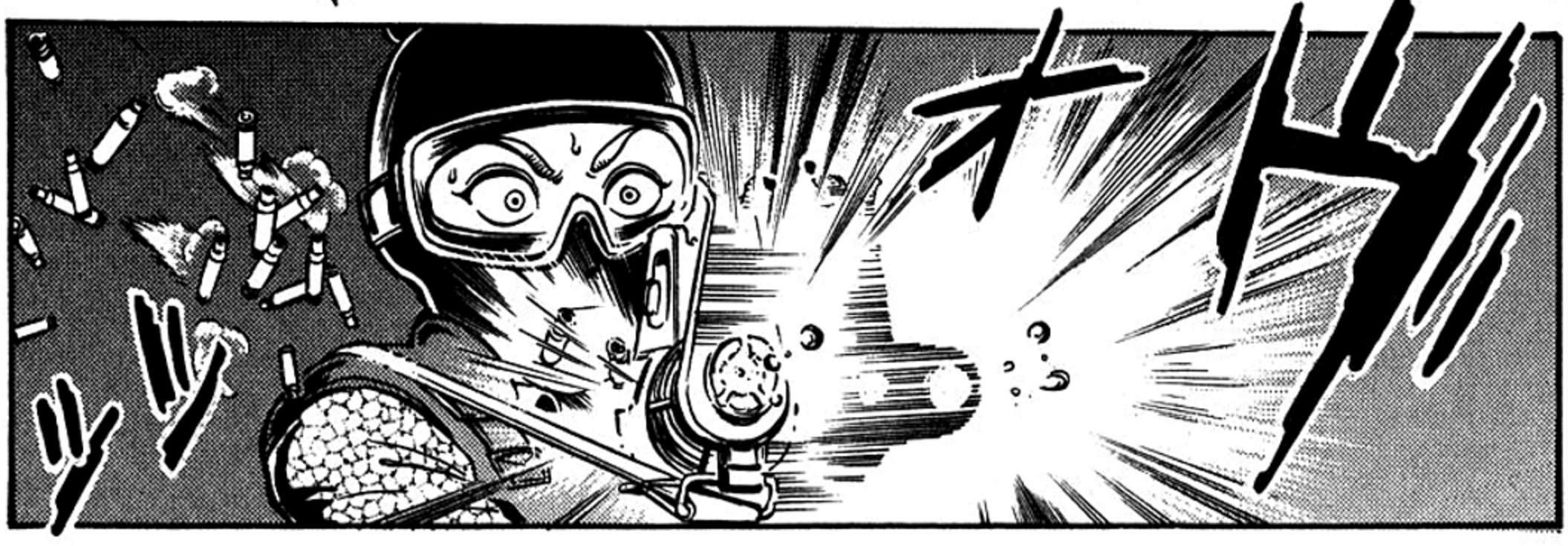

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WHAT HAP- PENED!?

WH- WHAT!?

RESPOND!! HEY!!

UWA WA WAH

THEY ARE BREATHING GASEOUS "GREEN BLOOD".

GY AHH

AND WITH THAT WE'VE GOT OUR HANDS ON CHOPPERS.

KILL... KILL...KILL EVERYONE.

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"GREEN BLOOD" IS ODORLESS AND HAS NO TASTE. IT'S A MULTIDRUG THAT WORKS EITHER BY MOUTH OR INHALATION.

WAH HH!!

IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE BELOW IS TAKEN CARE OF.

STAND BY FOR AN UPDATE ON THE CONDITION OF THE CHOPPERS. WE'LL KNOW IN A MINUTE IF WE CAN USE THEM TO ESCAPE.

THE TEAM WILL MOVE TO THE TWENTY-EIGHTH FLOOR AND SHUT DOWN THE ELEVATORS.

RELEASE THE NIGHT SHIFT WORKERS SHUT UP IN STUDIO ONE.

WE'LL LEAVE THE "GREEN BLOOD" AS A PRESENT FOR THE NIGHT SHIFT AS THEY COME OUT.

(SFX) KER-CHAK

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(SFX) KER-CHAK

GATHER ROUND !!

WHAT HAPPENED TO COMPANY TWO!?

GET THOSE CHOP-PERS HERE ON THE DOU-BLE !!

WHAT'S GOING ON!!?

RIGHT

LIN!! I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE EACH OF YOU.

IT'S A SECRET DRUG FROM BAI KOWLOON.

MEDI-CINE?

WHAT'S THIS?

FABU-LOUS!

HOW-EVER!!

TAKING THIS GIVES YOU IMMUNITY FROM THE EFFECTS OF ANY ILLICIT DRUG.

SINCE IT CANCELS THE EFFECT OF ALL DRUGS, THAT INCLUDES THE EFFECT OF ANESTHETICS...

IT H- HAS SOME KIND OF SIDE EFFECT!!

!

IF YOU ARE BADLY INJURED, NO PAIN KILLERS WILL WORK, NOR WILL ANY KIND OF ANESTHESIA USED DURING SURGERY.

AND OF COURSE "GREEN BLOOD".

INCLUDING HEROIN, COCAINE, AND LSD...

HOW-EVER ...!?

WHETHER YOU TAKE IT IS UP TO EACH OF YOU. HOWEVER...

IT IS A COUNTER-DRUG AGAINST ALL OTHER DRUGS. WE JUST RECEIVED THEM BY AIR FROM HONG KONG.

BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF TIME TO SPARE. AND WE ARE ARMED.

IF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTED, ONE COULD PROBABLY TIE THE PERSON UP UNTIL THE EFFECT OF THE DRUG WORE OFF.

EVERYTHING APPEARS GREEN TO A PERSON WHO IS AFFECTED BY "GREEN BLOOD".

WORSE, AS A RESULT OF REDUCED JUDGEMENT, THEY LOSE THEIR ABILITY FOR RATIONAL THOUGHT.

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...WHICH MEANS...

THEY DON'T FEEL PAIN, SO THAT ONLY LEAVES DESTROYING THE HEART OR THE BRAIN...

WE WON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE...BUT TO KILL ANYONE WHO FALLS UNDER THE SPELL OF "GREEN BLOOD"...

DUE TO INCREASED BELLI-GERENCE, THEY BECOME NUMB TO BRUTALITY AND PAIN.

UNTIL THE BODY REACHES ITS LIMITS, A VICTIM IS UNSTOPPABLE.

EXACTLY ...

SEMI

AND THAT INCLUDES ME...

ANYONE JUDGED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF "GREEN BLOOD" IS TO BE SHOT...EVEN IF SHE IS ONE OF US.

THEREFORE... LET US HOPE THAT TOMORROW WE ARE ALL HERE TO SEE THE SUN RISE.

THIS NIGHT MUST SEE THE END OF GRYPHON'S TERRORISM.

DIVISION M! LET'S GO!!

ATTACK NOW!!

THAT'S CAT FOR YOU...

ALL... GIRLS...

!

THEY SEEM SMARTER THAN THE ARMY GUYS.

I GUESS THEY DESTROYED ALL THE SECURITY CAMERAS.

EVEN IF THEY ARE WEARING GAS MASKS, SOME SHOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO IT.

USE "GREEN BLOOD".

CENTRAL! CAT HAS ARRIVED.

FUWAHH! HORRIFY-ING.

!

THEY'S SHOT THEM-SELVES UP COM-PLETELY ...

JESSICA AND COLLEEN, I'M LEAVING ANY EXPLOSIVE DEVICES UP TO YOU!!

ROGER

AS PLANNED, WE SPLIT INTO THREE SQUADS AND MAKE FOR BROADCAST CENTRAL. OUR TOP PRIORITY IS TO TAKE THEM OFF THE AIR!!

WHAT'S DELA!! GOING ON!?

!!

MAYBE PEOPLE THAT WORK AT THE STUDIO...

OR SO IT SEEMS ...

!!

REGULAR EMPLOYEES ...

ARE THEY USING THE ARMY SOLDIERS' WEAPONS?

RIGHT...IT'S REALLY TOO BAD, BUT...

ROGER

BROAD-
CAST
CEN-
TRAL
HERE.

OH!
NOW THEY'VE
ENGAGED THE
EMPLOYEES.

FINE

WE HAVE
BLANKETED
FLOORS THREE
THROUGH EIGHT
WITH GASEOUS
"GREEN BLOOD".
THE EFFECT WILL
LAST TEN MINUTES.

IF EVEN JUST
ONE PERSON IS
AFFECTED, THE
ENTIRE SQUAD IS
DOOMED.

AHH...I SEE.
SPREAD GAS
INTO THE
CENTRAL
ELEVATOR
SHAFT AS
WELL.

CENTRAL! THE
ELEVATOR
DOOR IN THE
FIRST FLOOR
LOBBY HAS
BEEN OPENED.

HUH!?

IT SEEMS LIKE THEY ARE ALL STOPPED ABOVE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, MARIE?

THIS IS THE BASEMENT CONTROL ROOM. I CAN PROBABLY GET ONE WORKING. SHOULD I PROCEED?

WE...WILL USE THAT.

I THINK YOU CAN CUT ALL POWER INCLUDING THE EMERGENCY POWER SOURCES.

READY

I WANT TO GET THIS OVER WITH AND GO HOME.

...DAMN ...

GU WAHH !!

DELA!!

!!

IT MAY BE ODORLESS AND TASTELESS, BUT INDEED THERE IS GASEOUS "GREEN BLOOD" IN HERE.

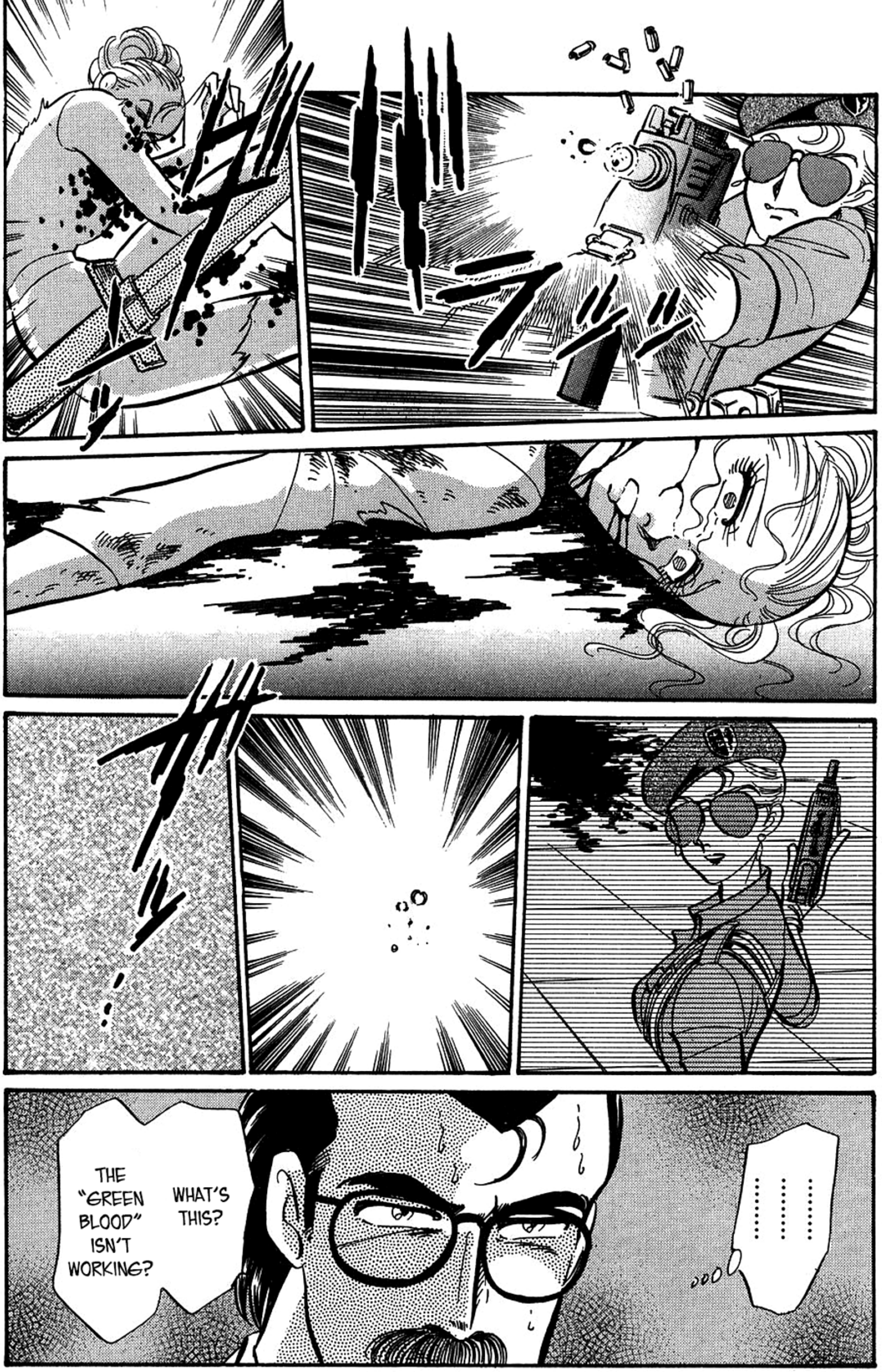
I WONDER IF LIN'S DRUG IS WORKING...

COMMANDER ...I...

YOU JUST KEEP US MOVING.

DON'T WORRY.

... RIGHT ...


THE "GREEN BLOOD" ISN'T WORKING?
WHAT'S THIS?

HEY... CEN-TRAL!

CENTRAL, DO YOU COPY?

CENTRAL!! WHAT'S GOING ON!? ANSWER ME!!

AH... AHHH... UH...

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HEY!! DO YOU COPY!?

SO YOU ARE THE GRYPHON GUY?

WHO'S THERE? WHO ARE YOU!?

!!

I'M THE PERSON WHO IS HERE TO KILL YOU. DO ME A FAVOR AND WAIT.

DOES IT MATTER WHO I AM?

WH-
WHAT'S
THIS?

EVERYONE
...HAS BEEN
KILLED...

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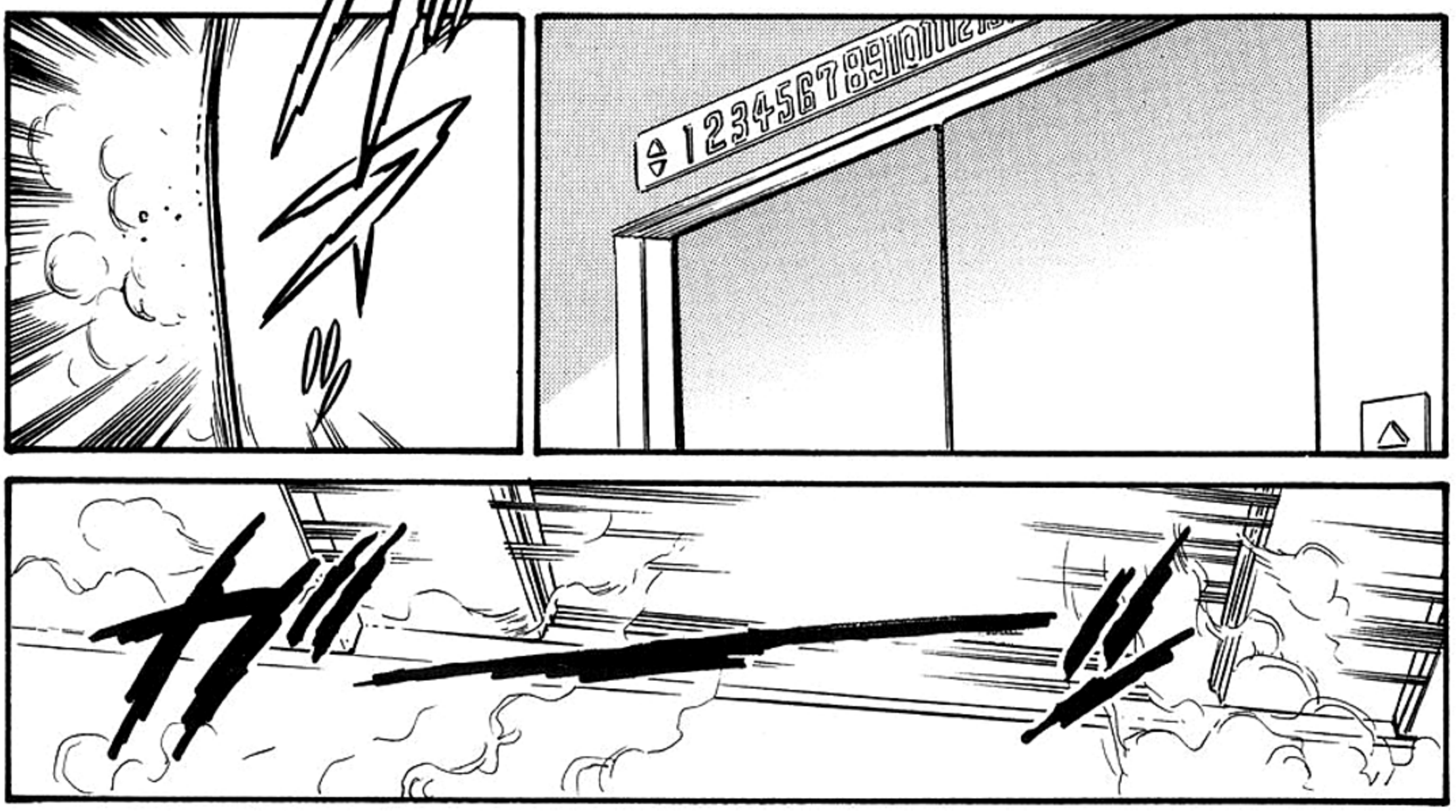
HELGA!!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WHICH WAY IS BROADCAST CENTRAL?
AT THE END OF THE HALL TO THE RIGHT.
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THEY MUST HAVE LEFT IT ON AUTOMATIC BROADCAST AND FLED.
THERE'S... NO ONE HERE.

DESERT -ROSE

JONES

!!

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HELGA!! HELGA!! HANG IN THERE!

UH...

BUT!!

HURRY UP AND GET AFTER THEM.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WITH HIS OWN HANDS ...

THAT GUY INTENDS TO KILL GRYPHON ...

IF WHAT IRENE HEARD IS RIGHT ...

MARIE... ARE YOU PREPARED TO LET HIM GET THERE FIRST?

.....

... OKAY ...

I CAN BLOW UP THIS PLACE ON MY OWN.

IT WAS A SLUG AT POINT-BLANK RANGE, BUT IT DIDN'T PIERCE MY BODY ARMOR.

I'M FINE...

AS SOON AS YOU'VE FINISHED, GO BACK DOWN AT ONCE ON THE RAPPELLING MACHINE.

WITH THAT MANY WOUNDS, IT'S A WONDER HE CAN MOVE.

SURELY ...HE DIDN'T TAKE "GREEN BLOOD" ON HIS OWN... ...!!

THIRTY-ONE MINUTES GONE.

FLOOR 25 HOLD.

SHEESH... CAN'T WE JUST GO IN WHEN WE HEAR THE SOUND OF THE EXPLOSION?

THE PLAN WAS TO SECURE THE ROOFTOP HELIPAD AT THE SAME TIME AS BLOWING UP BROADCAST CENTRAL.

BUT...

WE MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE FOR THIRTY-FIVE MINUTES.

SHOULD WE TRY THE INTERCOM?

UH-HUH

WE'RE ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE WE'VE ALWAYS FOLLOWED HER ORDERS.

IT WAS A DIRECT ORDER FROM THE COMMANDER ...

ONCE SHE NAILS GRYPHON...WHAT DO YOU THINK THE COMMANDER WILL DO?

WHAT NOW!?

SAY... IRENE

SHE MIGHT... QUIT CAT...

...IT CAN'T BE...

ONCE SHE POLISHES HIM OFF, SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY REASON TO STAY IN.

SHE STAYED IN CAT ALL THIS TIME BECAUSE GRYPHON WAS STILL OUT THERE AND ACTIVE.

WHAM

GAME OVER.

THERE...NOW ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO SET THE TIMER AND CENTRAL GETS BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS...

I CAN'T LET YOU END THIS SO EASILY.

!!

THAT'S SOME GOOD SHOOT-ING...

THANKS FOR THE COMPLI-MENT.

SINGLE-HANDEDLY DESTROYING MY TERROR TEAM...

FIRST OF ALL...THERE'S NO GUARANTEE SHE'S GOING TO NAIL GRYPHON...

IT CAN! ONCE THE TIME COMES, THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW.

UH-HUH...

!

THE COMMANDER WILL STAY IN CAT...AND KEEP FOLLOWING HIM.

IF GRYPHON GETS AWAY,

SO AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED... I DON'T MIND IF HE GETS AWAY...

I WANT TO BE IN DIVISION M...AND BE WITH THE COMMANDER FOREVER...

I SUPPOSE YOU MUST BE GRYPHON.

THAT'S WHAT THE WORLD CALLS ME...

THE WILL OF GOD.

THERE WAS PLENTY OF "GREEN BLOOD" GAS IN THE AIR, YET IT HAD NO EFFECT. WHY?

INSOLENCE...I SUPPOSE IT WAS SOME KIND OF COUNTER-DRUG.

AUGHH!!

AND THEREFORE PAINKILLERS PROBABLY DON'T WORK EITHER.

THE DEVICES IN THE WATER MAINS HAVE ALL BEEN REMOVED. THE BROADCAST SERVES NO PURPOSE NOW.

I'M GOING TO ENTERTAIN YOU FOR FIVE MINUTES UNTIL THE BROADCAST STARTS.

GUHH!!

HMPH...THEN WHY DID YOU COME HERE TO BLOW UP BROADCAST CENTRAL?

IT WOULD HAVE JUST AMPLIFIED THE CONFUSION...

THE "GREEN BLOOD" IN THE WATER MAINS WAS BASICALLY JUST A BONUS...

THE BROADCAST SERVES A PURPOSE ALL RIGHT.

WITH A PLAN THIS BIG THERE WERE BOUND TO BE LEAKS.

HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT?

!!

...YOU... DEMON ...

IF THE MASSES DON'T GET WATER WHEN THEY TURN ON THE SPIGOT, OR RECEIVE THEIR MAIL, OR CAN'T GET THEIR HANDS ON A NEWSPAPER,

EVERYTHING STARTS TO LOOK SUSPICIOUS. YOU'LL HAVE PANIC EVEN WITHOUT DRUGS OR EXPLOSIONS.

LET ME CLARIFY THE PLAN FOR YOU...

LIKE WHY THE MASS SHOOTING ALL OVER THE U.S. HAPPENED IN THE ORDER THEY DID.

YOU HAD TO MOVE IN SECRET.

AS WELL AS THE ARMY AND THE POLICE. BUT IN ORDER TO AVOID PANIC,

THAT MEANT YOU GOT INVOLVED.

BY MAKING SURE THERE WERE LEAKS

YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH WOULD BE SCATTERED.

AND IF YOU WERE MOVING IN SECRET,

IT'S JUST LIKE MARIE SAID.

DAMN... IT'S ALL ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN!!

WHO IS SHE?

MARIE? !!

WHEN YOU BLEW UP AN AIRPORT AWHILE BACK, YOU KILLED HER HUSBAND AND CHILD.

OUR COMMAND-ER!!

AIRPORT... EXPLOSION... I SUPPOSE THAT WAS SYDNEY.

!?

...YOU ...

TIME'S UP...

MARIKO...

ROSEBANK

IF MARIE WERE HERE, SHE WOULD HAVE YOUR HEAD ON A PLATTER BY NOW.

BE GLAD YOU ENCOUNTERED ME INSTEAD OF HER.

MARIE
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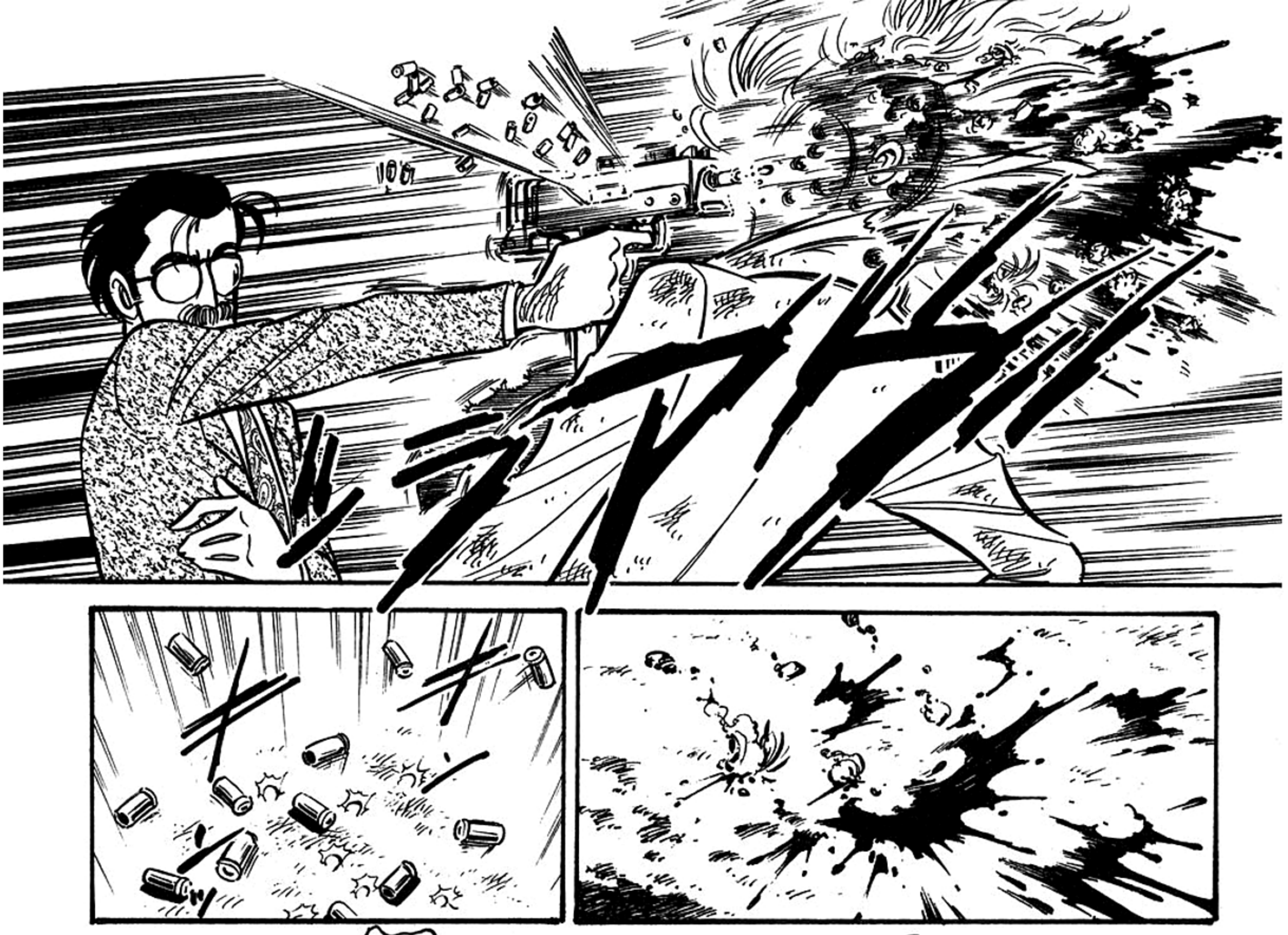
JONES!!
I...WILL...
KILL...
YOU...



NEITHER SHE...NOR TIMMY... WERE SUPPOSED TO DIE.

SYDNEY... IS THE CROSS I BEAR...I TOLD HER...TO GO HOME AT ONCE ...

RADIO SILENCE IS LIFTED!!

LET'S GO!!

THERE'S THE EXPLOSION IN BROADCAST CENTRAL!!

GRY... PHON... WHERE... ARE YOU...

I HAD THE CORPSE OF AN IMPOSTER READY... THE PLAN WAS COMPLETE...

HAROLD ROSEBANK DIED...

AND I BECAME GRYPHON ...

.....

UH... DAMN ...

STAND DOWN!! IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

GRYPHON!!

WHAT IS IT NOT TOO LATE FOR?

WHAT YOU HAVE READY FOR ME IS THE DEATH PENALTY...

KU KU KU...

ATONE-MENT

AND IF THERE WERE, IT WOULD BE THIS...

THERE IS NO PUNISHMENT THAT ATONES FOR TERRORISM...

MY HAROLD WAS ALWAYS CHEERFUL AND KIND... GOOD AT KISS-ING.

THE ROAST CHICKEN I MADE FOR HIM WAS HIS FAVORITE...

BUT HE WASN'T TERRIBLY FOND OF PUDDING ...

ON HIS DAYS OFF HE DELIGHTED IN PLAYING WITH TIMMY IN THE GARDEN...

TO DIE AS A TERRORIST!!

TMB

MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED !!

HE HUGGED ME IN HIS GREAT BIG ARMS AND LOVED ME WITH ALL HIS MIGHT.

MY HAROLD... WAS THAT KIND OF MAN...

YEARS AGO HE WENT TO HEAVEN WITH MY LITTLE BOY.

-0548 HRS-

THAT'S A WRAP!!

YOU WERE NOT HAROLD.

WITH GRYPHON GONE, IS THERE ANY REASON TO CONTINUE RISKING YOUR LIFE IN CAT?

DO NOW?

WHAT WILL YOU DO NOW?

MARIE

I'D SAY WE EARNED IT.

I NEVER EXPECTED WE'D GET TO USE THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE RESORT.

EH?

BUT...

GRYPHON ISN'T GONE.

AS LONG AS TERRORISM CONTINUES, THE SECOND GRYPHON WILL APPEAR, AND THE THIRD AFTER HIM.

MARIE

IT WAS A GOOD DREAM... HAROLD WAS THERE AND TIMMY WAS THERE.

YESTERDAY ...UNUSUALLY FOR ME, I DREAMED A DREAM.

...SO

HELGA, IRENE, DELA, AND COLLEEN...ALL OF DIVISION M...

AND ALL OF YOU WERE THERE.

I AM HAPPY...

MARIE

AND AS LONG AS I'M WITH YOU, MY HAPPINESS WILL CONTINUE.

I GET TO KEEP FIGHTING ALONGSIDE ALL OF YOU.

AS LONG AS WE ARE ALL TOGETHER, THE ROSE ON MY BREAST WILL BE STAINED ONLY WITH LOVE.

AH...YES, COLONEL ...

HUH?

THE FEES FOR THE MISSION WILL BE PAID ENTIRELY BY THE GOVERN-MENT!!

EH!!

Desert Rose End

Afterwords!!

(SFX) STAB

Huh?

COMPANY EMPLOYEE (31), TOKYO

Oh

WHAT WAS COMMANDER MARIE'S ACTUAL AGE?

DURING THE SERIALIZATION OF DESERT ROSE WE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FROM READERS, AND WE'D LIKE TO ANSWER THEM NOW.

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THEN...HOW LONG DID YOUR TRAINING TAKE AND HOW LONG BEFORE YOU BECAME COMMANDER...?

MARRIED AT EIGHTEEN, PREGNANT AT TWENTY, AND AT TWENTY-SIX LOST MY CHILD AND HUSBAND AND ENTERED CAT!!

GOODNESS. I'M TWENTY-SIX!! TWENTY-SIX!!

(SFX) KER-CHAK

THAT'S REGULA-TIONS!!

MANGA CHARACTERS DO NOT AGE AFTER THEIR INITIAL APPEARANCE IN THE MANGA!!

Umm...

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NEXT. FEMALE OFFICE WORKER (22), HIROSHIMA

URGH...

NO WAY I'M OVER THIRTY! ANYONE WHO OBJECTS, GET OUT NOW!!

I AM TWENTY-SIX!!

HEHH

HEHHHHH

IS IT TRUE THAT LIN-CHAN HAS NEVER BEEN WITH A MAN?

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(SFX) TWIRL TWIRL

I'M READY FOR ANYTHING.

BUT LOOK!!

SO OF COURSE

I'M A VIRGIN.

I'M JU-

JU-

JUST A GIRL.

(SFX) PAT PAT

(SFX) BOUNCE BOUNCE

Hey...don't be looking so closely.

WHY IS IT IN BATHING SUIT SCENES OR SHOWER SCENES THERE AREN'T ANY WOUNDS ON THEIR BODIES?

THE AGENTS OF DIVISION M FROM THE COMMANDER ON DOWN EXPERIENCE HARSH BATTLE SCENES OVER AND OVER AND ARE FREQUENTLY WOUNDED.

NEXT QUESTION.

STUDENT (18), HOKKAI-DO

sheesh, somehow or another...

(SFX) CHAK

!!

TAT-TERED WASH-CLOTH!!

SUB-COMMANDER HELGA ESCAPED FROM EAST BERLIN AND LATER HAD OPEN-HEART SURGERY IN AFRICA. SHE MUST LOOK LIKE A TATTERED WASHCLOTH BY NOW.

HELGA!! GOOD ANSWER!!

WE ARE SINGLE WOMEN AFTER ALL...

THAT'S BECAUSE... YOU KNOW...WE USE MAKEUP FOUNDATION TO HIDE THEM.

BECAUSE WE WILL ANSWER WITH ALL OUR HEARTS!!

ASK ONLY IF YOU ARE PREPARED FOR THE ANSWER!!

OKAY!!

NEXT QUESTION!!

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